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A Very Merry Christmas to All our Friends ~~~and a Happy New Year, too!

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# Federation to Map Basis for Highway Fight—Miller, Bohn, Bowers to Speak

Groundwork for a concerted area-wide drive for urgently needed highway additions and improvements will form the agenda of next Wednesday night's meeting of the new Diablo Highway Improvement Federation at Lafayette Town Hall, it was announced this week by Lloyd Holton, federation chairman.

Speakers at the meeting, Holton said, will be State Senator George Miller, Jr.; John A. Bohn, attorney, who is counsel for both the State Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees, and Charles Bowers, chairman of the traffic committee of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce.

**URGES ATTENDANCE**

Predicting that the recent huge landslide west of Orinda Crossroads "will undoubtedly come up in the discussion," Holton urged all organizations in the area to send representatives to the meeting.

"Written invitations have been sent to all known civic and service organizations," he said. "If some groups have been overlooked, we hope they'll send people anyway. All groups and individuals are welcome. We want as large a turnout as possible.

"The idea of this federation is to be a body which will be heard, and heard effectively, so that the pressing highway problems of this whole area, so vividly dramatized by the landslide, can be solved.

**WILL REVIEW EFFORTS**

"It is gratifying that Senator Miller, Mr. Bohn and Mr. Bowers will be the speakers next Wednesday night. They will review preliminary efforts toward the success of this mobilized effort."

Holton cited this county's tremendous population growth as an index to the ever-increasing highway jams.

"It has been previously recorded and published," he said, "that Contra Costa County's population in 1940 was approximately 100,000 and by 1950 had increased to nearly 300,000.

**HALF-MILLION BY 1960**

"Such an increase, approaching 200 per cent, probably represents the greatest growth of any county in the state. At such a rate of increase the population could easily reach half a million by the next census in 1960.

"Such population, present and probable future, points out that our highways requirements now and in the immediate future are staggering and we aren't receiving the attention or monetary allocations that their conditions merit."

## Cap Sandford Sez:

**THIS IS JUST A WEE BIT** more about Maniac's Boulevard, which has been under considerably increased pressure recently because of the slide between the Tunnel and Orinda.

**A lady who asks to be nameless, wrote to me and stated that two maniacs (she called them "motorists"), were observed blowing their horns at the thing blocking the traffic . . . referring to the mud slide.**

This amuses me very much because I have consistently advocated less horn blowing and more scientific driving. I have not yet seen the mud slide; but I am credibly informed that it still remains there, in spite of the horn blasting of these two idiots.

**MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** "We won in Korea." Newspaper accounts: "We lost in Korea." Anyhow, it appears certain that we shall ultimately slave ourselves to the bone and be submitted to more of the awful diarrhea of taxation which has been imposed upon us to finance more soldiers and death-dealing equipment of every kind, as well as endeavoring to build up the things we have just destroyed. Nutz! sez I.

If we could only apply the teachings of Christ, all would be well.

**Meanwhile I am glad that our internotional affairs are in the hands of two such competent men as President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee . . . who's that kicking me under the table?**

**WHERE'S ALL THIS** Indian Summer business, that magnificent interlude between fall and winter? Well, this year it just ain't. Anyhow, it's been a nice rain, hasn't it? Sure, it has been a nice long rain and a nice wet rain; and it has been good for California; and it has been bad for California.

The mud around our stables is incredible; in fact, it is fantastic. A buddy can hardly yank his hoofs out of it, but by and large, for them as like rain, it sure has been a fine rain.

The international situation presents a grave picture to all thoughtful people. The time for bombastic boasting and exaggeration is over.

I still feel that war can and will be averted. I do not suppose that we should be very much interested or even seriously impressed if a deputation of the Chinese or Koreans should arrive in Washington and begin to assume possession of and dictate the policies of this country of ours.

The task of bringing about a permanent peace is not an impossible one but can only be successfully completed by men of undoubted ability and integrity. I wonder if Winston Churchill is awfully busy at this time.

**I SAW SANTA CLAUS** the other day. When I told him what I want for Christmas he said, "Beat it, Cap, while the beating is still good."

I'll be seein' you.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The other day when clearing out my desk I ran across some of the literature originally published during the days of the sewer elections.

We who were then in Orinda were called liars, had all types of pressure placed on us and strained relations with close friends for the handbills we passed out.

From what I hear about sewer costs out there, the estimated 63-cent tax rate is no more, and possibly we weren't so far wrong in estimating the other costs. Who was wrong?

Sincerely,
ROBERT G. WEBB.
Chicago, Ill.

To The Editor:

The spectacular slide on Tunnel Road on December 9th should be a dramatic object lesson to us all. One huge slide of earth and the only major artery between our homes and our places of business was completely severed. Subsidiary roads were completely inadequate. The result was chaotic. Fortunately, this time, there were no tragic results.

**But imagine the road being choked off at a time when a major fire is sweeping through the hills, when all available East Bay fire fighting equipment is needed to save life and property. Imagine the chaos on that road in the event of any major wartime catastrophe.**

Ours is a residential community. Most of our families are separated at least nine hours a day by a massive hill. It is a beautiful piece of landscape but it can become a tragic barricade if thousands of husbands and fathers are suddenly faced with a catastrophe in which one thought is uppermost in their minds, "I've got to get home to my family."

We must have another low level tunnel. Even normal traffic requirements today beg for it. For two years now the Orinda Association has demanded it. Let's all campaign for it while it is only a necessity and not a symbol of tragic and inadequate planning.

F. S. "BOB" CLOUGH

## Directors Endorse Bay Bridge Plan

Directors of the Contra Costa County Development Association recently unanimously endorsed a recommendation of its highway committee urging inclusion of a Martinez-Benicia bridge in the master bay area bridge plan that was announced by the Bay Area Council.

Specifically, the committee endorsed the Bay Area Council's bridge proposals and requested inclusion of the Martinez-Benicia bridge project in the program.

**CENSUS SURVEY**

A second major consideration for the directors led to unanimous expression of opposition to an Oakland inspired movement seeking to have the U.S. Bureau of Census establish a tri-county East Bay Metropolitan District as a new buying or population center. The directors expressed approval of the current six county district and even suggested that the existing San Francisco Metropolitan District be enlarged to nine counties.

The directors will inform the bureau of census of its opposition to the Oakland program and will also notify congressional representatives.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

Oakland's proposal projects a metropolitan area composed of Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. Development Association directors believe that such a division would lessen a population or buying area classification of an integrated area in the eyes of eastern industrialists and would create a factor favorable to other coastal areas not so divided.

"We would merely be giving other areas a stronger competitive position," Robert Claxton, chairman of an association investigating committee informed the directors.


## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

A last minute suggestion — these nesting tables. In sets of three of solid Birch they are the essence of convenience. As an unusual lamp or end table in natural or black lacquer they will draw many compliments.

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## What's the Real Estate Outlook Here? Lawrence Wallace Gives Answer

**(Real estate is our no. 1 "industry." Most of us have our largest single investment in the homes we own here. Then, what is the present real estate picture? For the answer, we asked Lawrence Wallace, past president of the Contra Costa Real Estate Board and one of the best informed men on the subject. — The Editor)**

By LAWRENCE WALLACE

Several times each week every Real Estate Broker and Salesman is asked the question, "How's the Real Estate business?"

If the same person asked a dozen brokers the question he would receive a dozen different answers. For while it may be feast for one firm it can be famine for another at the same time. Until recently no statistical data has been available concerning the actual state of the Real Estate business in this great central part of Contra Costa County.

**In 1946 with the formation of the Contra Costa Realtors Mart, non-profit multiple listing division of the Contra Costa Real Estate Board a body of statistics relating to real estate activity in this area has been accumulated by Mrs. Mabel V. Anderson, secretary of the Board.**

It should be pointed out that there are some obvious limitations to these statistics. First; Only a portion of the business done by Board members is done by the Multiple Listing. Second; Only about 90% of the active Real Estate offices are members of the Board. Third; Sales by Berkeley, Oakland and Concord firms are not reflected in the figures.

**Taking these limitations in consideration it is still possible to arrive at some interesting conclusions regarding present activity and price levels as compared with previous periods.**

Of great interest to the public in general is the effect, if any, of the Korean situation on Real Estate in this area. From the figures of the Multiple Listing Division the following is taken:

**In the first eleven months of 1949, 248 properties were sold through the Multiple Listing Service, with an average sales price of $11,043. For the first eleven months of 1950 340 sales were made with an average sales price of $11,517. Thus there was an 37% increase in both dollar volume and number of sales and a 4% increase in average sales price.**

Taking the five months since the beginning of the Korean crisis we find that there has been a 38% increase in the number of sales, and a 48% increase in dollar volume of business and a 7% increase in average sales price over the corresponding five months period in 1949.

**The first six months of 1949 there were 136 sales at an average sales price of $10,900. For the first six months of 1950, 185 sales at an average sales price of $9,249. Thus there was an increase in number of sales of 37%, and an increase in dollar volume of 16%.**

From the above it can be concluded that although real estate activity has increased in 1950 over 1949, regardless of the Korean situation, that there has been a measureable increase in the average price of properties sold co-incidental with the outbreak of hostilities. Much of this increase of average sales price has been shown in the narrowing gap between the asking prices and the actual sales price.

**At the present time most of the sales through the Multiple Listing System are being made at the asking price or at very small discounts, whereas a year ago an average gap of approximately 10% was found.**

An interesting side light to the above is the fact that the number of listings obtained has decreased in 1950 by 18% below 1949.

## Jack Cummings On Vacation

With permission granted by the Board of Supervisors last week for a 30-day leave of absence, H. L. "Jack" Cummings, chairman of the board, and Mrs. Cummings left by plane Monday to spend Christmas in Florida.

He will spend the holidays there with his daughter, Mrs. Rita McGann, and his four grandchildren. Mrs. McGann is the wife of an airlines pilot.

Chairman Cummings is expected back shortly after Christmas as he does not expect to take the full 30 days time granted him.

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# Supervisors Vote $400 vs. Bus Fare Hike

Sinews of financial support were added Monday by the County Board of Supervisors to its previously pledged moral backing of the Contra Costa County Commuters Association's fight against proposed Greyhound bus rate increases.

After conferring with County Auditor - Controller Desmond M. Teeter, the supervisors appropriated $400 for the purpose.

Renewed request for financial aid had been made earlier in the day by a delegation from the commuters' group, including President Aubrey Macomber, Kent Hamilton and Kenneth Spoon.

**TO AID FIGHT**

The $400 will be used to aid the association in its fight against proposed Greyhound rate hikes between Contra Costa points and bay cities.

Two weeks ago the supervisors voted moral support but declined to render financial assistance, offering, instead, the services of District Attorney Francis W. Collins.

This week's action followed explanation by the association representatives of the need for monetary aid. The money will be used for rate engineers and legal counsel in hearings before the State Public Utilities Commission.

The commuters' representatives estimated that costs would run between $650 and $800, but said the amount over $400 would be raised through other sources.

They pointed out that Marin County has contributed $6,000 to the fight, and that Marin County's findings, made with the aid of a rate engineer and an attorney, had been of great value to Contra Costans.

Supervisor Ray S. Taylor made the motion that the $400 be appropriated. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jacob Frederickson.

During Monday's discussion, Supervisor W. G. Buchanan asked about the possibility of establishing an inter-urban rail system over Sacramento Northern lines.

Macomber replied that he had been informed that the cost would be between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000, and that, furthermore, such a move would be a long-range proposition. The commuters, he stressed, are concerned with improving the immediate situation.

# School Boundary Hearings Set

Three hearings on proposed school boundary changes have been called by County Superintendent B. O. Wilson in answer to petitions received from residents of the areas involved, the official disclosed yesterday. Lafayette and Orinda are concerned in two of these.

A Lafayette-Walnut Creek hearing will be held January 8 at 11 a.m. before the Board of Supervisors. A group seeking transfer to Walnut Creek District claims that the tracks of the Sacramento Northern Railway present a hazard to children crossing to Lafayette schools. The group also states that the Walnut Creek District will provide bus transportation, while Lafayette is unable to do so.

A third hearing will be held January 15 at 11 a.m. before the Board of Supervisors on a petition to transfer territory from Briones Valley to Orinda School District. The transfer, Wilson said, amounts to a technicality since children of the area in question are isolated from the Briones Valley School and traditionally have attended at Orinda.

## Party Given for Kids At Country Club

Nearly 200 children, youngsters of members, and their little guests, had an early share of Christmas festivities at Orinda Country Club's annual children's Christmas party last Sunday.

Gay holiday decorations were used throughout the club. The program of movies led to the grand climax of Santa's arrival and the distribution of gifts to every boy and girl present.

Snowball ice cream and cookies were served to the youngsters, with tables set in the Pink Room for the smaller guests.

The yearly Chrstmas event for the children is an important date on the Country Club calendar and one which the younger set looks forward to with anticipation.

**MOTORISTS ARE WARNED**

Automobile owners should make a list of serial numbers, trade names and other identification marks on tires and car radios to assist recovery and prosecution in case of theft, warns the California State Automobile Association.

## 2 Robbers Get $575 at Black's Market Holdup

Threatening owner Frank H. Black and two fellow-workers Tony Fereira and Robert Schwedhelm, with a nickel-plated revolver, two gunmen robbed Black's Market of around $500 last Saturday morning and took $75 from Black's wallet.

The holdup occurred about 7:45 a.m. The bandits, described as light-skinned Negroes, backed Black, Fereira and Schwedhelm into a meat-cooling room at the rear of the market.

While one of the holdup men stood guard over Black and Fereira, the other forced Schwedhelm to open the cash registers. He took the money from the tills, estimated to be around $500.

Meanwhile, the other bandit relieved Black of $75 from his wallet.

If you love children — yours and your neighbors' — slow down when you drive home today.

# Christmas at Weimar Will be Bright – Thanks to Drive in Orinda, Lafayette

When Orinda and Lafayette youngsters are opening their packages Christmas morning, the more than 70 boys and girls at Weimar Tubercular Sanitarium will each have a filled-to-the-brim Christmas stocking to explore and a personal gift to open with anticipation, through the whole-hearted cooperation of local adults and children in making a "Christmas for Weimar."

Mrs. George Matey, who has supervised the toy-collecting and any necessary gift-buying for this project, with the assistance of Mrs. George Vurek, reports that the campaign to provide a Christmas for the youngsters who are confined to the sanitarium was an unqualified success.

**WELL-FILLED BARREL**

George Matey, who visited Sugar Plum House Wednesday morning to pick up the collection of toys and other gifts deposited there by the youngsters who came to visit Santa Claus, found a well-filled barrel of gift-material waiting for the new little owners.

Mrs. Matey reports that several "calls for help" had been received during the weeks the collecting has been going on at the little "dream house" in Lafayette Plaza, when the container was filled to overflowing.

"The response was just wonderful, and we certainly appreciate it," she said, in telling of the second annual drive.

She informed the SUN she was unable to help deliver the filled stockings and presents to Weimar herself this year because of the illness of her two youngsters. Mr. Matey was to drive up with all the Chirstmas gifts yesterday.

**ANOTHER PICKUP**

Mrs. Matey said that the last toys brought in to Sugar Plum House the balance of this week would be picked up Saturday. She explained that the group which has been active in working on the project also remembered the birthday of each youngster at the sanitarium, as well as Easter and St. Valentine's day, and that no toy or present brought in would be wasted; that gifts would be ready when these important occasions arose.

She also pointed out that at Christmas time those children who were not too ill were allowed to go home to be with their families, so their return to the sanitarium would mean gifts for many more than the 70-odd needed this Christmas.

Two card paries have been given in Orinda for the benefit of the "Christmas for Weimar" drive, and boy scout and girl scout groups have joined in helping collect and mend toys for the project. The stockings, which were filled with "goodies," were made by Orinda girl scout troops.

**CLOTHING, TOO**

Thoughtfuiness for these sick youngsters did not limit itself to toys, Mrs. Matey reported. She told of the many articles of clothing left at the Plaza headquarters for distribution at the sanitarium, and of persons driving to her home with additional things for the Weimar campaign.

Cash donations have helped out a great deal, too, and the sponsoring group hopes to build up a reserve so older patients from Contra Costa County can also get some help, the chairman said.

## Country Club Has Employees Party

The employees of Orinda Country Club had their special Christmas celebration last Monday night when seventy guests, including the club personnel, their friends and families, gathered at the club for their party.

Christmas gifts presented through the membership were distributed to employes besides the general exchange of presents. The program for the evening included a cocktail party, buffet dinner and dancing.

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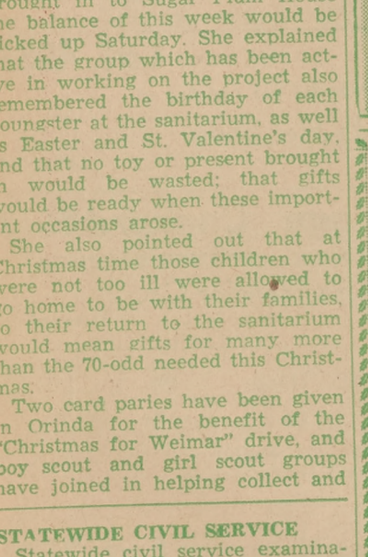
**STATEWIDE CIVIL SERVICE**

Statewide civil service examinations will soon be held for bacteriologist and senior bacteriologist, and candidates selected from results of the examination will fill vacancies with the Department of Public Health in Berkeley, according to an announcement from the State Personnel Board.

## Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich



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# GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

## Rev. Nixon Points to World Crisis And Reminds Us to Look Toward Him

By REV. CLIFFORD L. NIXON, former pastor, Mission Covenant Church, Lafayette

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to bring both a Christmas greeting and a word of farewell to the people of this area through the pages of the Sun.

I have enjoyed five wonderful years in this lovely community. I am already serving a church in a neighboring community and soon my residence will be in the new field, though I hope to spend many future hours — if such happy prospects remain to us — with the many friends here.

We come to this Christmas season in an hour of crisis for our nation and for the world — an hour riate Christmas message is the word in which perhaps the most appropriate of the angel to the Shepherds:

**"Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."**

Whatever the immediate solution to national problems, there is present and abiding peace and assurance, however difficult the days ahead, to those who place their faith in the Saviour. We haven't had time for Him — most of us. We have been too confident in ourselves, in human genius and progress. These things have failed us. They were never enough.

That's why God sent His Son to Calvary by way of Bethlehem. "He that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

## Peace, Good Will Still Live in Men's Hearts, Rev. Harry Shaner Reminds Us

By REV. HARRY E. SHANER
Lafayette Community Methodist Church

We come again to the season of greetings, presents, colored cards, tinseled trees and holly wreaths in lighted windows.

But Christmas means something more, a reminder that life is not all strife and that good will is still a power among men.

Above the tensions of our world the silent stars keep their sleepless watch by night and the angels sing of peace on earth among men of good will.

God, lives, the stars shine, the Angels sing and the Christ of Bethlehem offers us the way of brotherhood and fellowship and sacrificial sharing.

Herod did not destroy good will among men. Human tyranny and greed did not put an end to peace in the hearts of good men.

When the ancient world was falling to ruin, a Babe born in Bethlehem set a new dateline for centuries and released divine power for the redemption of mankind.

It may be that there is a baby born this day somewhere in the world that will lead us into a world of peace and love. Maybe another Lincoln to hold up a world flag as the first Lincoln held up a national flag.

Once we understand and adopt the full meaning of Christmas, we too may hear the angels sing and leave our small affairs long enough to find the Christ of peace and good will, each for himself and all of us together for a better world, in which we may join the heavenly hosts in the Hallelujah Chorus of the kingdom without end.

May we all take the X out of "Xmas" and put Christ there.

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## How Do YOU Spell Christmas? – Pastor Luther Berven Poses Important Query

By REV. LUTHER BERVEN
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette

How do you spell Christmas? "Is there," you may ask, "more than one way to spell it?"

Yes, some spell it "Xmas." If you remember your algebra, "X" stands for the unknown quantity, and that is just what many have made of Christmas, a festival to the unknown gods. Ninety per cent of all Christmas cards make no mention whatsoever of the birth of Jesus Christ.

A professor in a university psychology class had his students write down the first word that came into their minds when he mentioned the word Christmas. For answers he got tree, holly, Santa Claus—not one student had written the name of the Christ-child.

**HOW SOME SPELL IT**

How do you spell Christmas? Some spell it "Christmuss" or "Christmess," and they look upon the Christmas season as a necessary evil; they can hardly wait for the day after Christmas, so they can begin to clean up the mess it has brought.

The real meaning of Christmas for these people is buried beneath the tinsel and the commercialism that accompanies Christmas here in America.

How do you spell Christmas? This is the way it ought to be spelled, "CHRISTmas," for CHRISTmas is Jesus' birthday.

**RECEIVING, GIVING**

Two questions uppermost in the minds of many during the Christmas season are: "What shall I get and What shall I give?

We have already received our Christmas gift for this year and for every year—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting lift." (John 3:16)

The joyous song of the Bethlehem angels still echoes, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

What shall I give? This is what God wants, "My son, give me thine heart." (Proverbs 23:26)

God has given us His Son; in return he asks our undivided love. And this love will show itself every day in the way we treat our fellowmen, for one cannot love God without loving his fellowmen.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Lafayette wishes for all of you a blessed Christmas, and we welcome you cordially to attend our Christmas services. We are holding services on Sunday, December 24, at 10:45 a.m., a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m., and identical services on Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m.


May Christmas
and the
New Year be
bright with happiness
for you.

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## Seal Sale Will Help X-Ray Drive

The tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale was described as symbolic of a great health movement in the United States and in the world by Dr. Martin Mills, health commissioner of Richmond, as he urged support of the campaign of the Contra Costa Public Health Association.

"This year the Christmas Seal Sale has special significance to the people of Contra Costa County," he said. "Money from Christmas Seals is helping to make possible the Mass Chest X-ray Survey to be held here next February 15."

"The Seal Sale must go over the top," he said, "to assure a successful chest X-ray survey and its adequate follow-up."

**TAX FORMS AVAILABLE**

As an aid and convenience to the county's taxpayers, the Contra Costa County Taxpayers' Association announced today that it will stock a full line of 1950 State and Federal tax forms, which will be available for the asking at its headquarters at Martinez. Secretary J. B. McFarland added that telephone calls or requests by mail will be promptly handled.

In our neighborhoods, please drive carefully. How fast can you stop if a child runs into the street in front of your car?

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# Hi-Lites on Hi-Life

**NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER**

A birthday party which was celebrated by work, took place at the Oakland Naval Supply Center last Friday when the huge Pacific Supply base became nine years old. This year, the 8,000 employees — military and civilian — paused momentarily to acknowledge the date and then rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to get the ever increasing tonnage of supplies, provisions and material out to the Pacific Ocean area as swiftly and efficiently as possible.

**FLOOD DAMAGES**

The bill for flood damages to California fish hatcheries and their fish will come to about $30,000, the Division of Fish and Games has reported.

Hi Lites — Stdg ---- ------ ---- B

By DON and DONNA

**BIGGEST HI-LITE** of the school year so far was the Christmas assembly held last Friday.

Nevtr has Acalanes had a better assembly. After the band played a few numbers to get everyone in the right mood, Mr. Handley took over and the group sang several Christmas carols.

Next Santa Claus arrived — in fact, two of them did, one from the North Pole ond one from the South Pole. He (rather, they) passed out presents to deserving Acalanes students.

Permission to flirt with senior boys was presented to Gail and Gay, the dynamite duet. Since when, may we ask, have the girls at Acalanes needed permission for anything like that?

Charley Creight, our mighty mite, was presented the "Mr. America" award for Acalanes. Mitey fine, Charley!

**NO MATTER how well the rest of the program went over, the faculty skit was by far the best. Never in the history of schools have students been more willing to "stay after."**

Incidentally, we hear that MGM, Warner Bros., Twentieth Century and the rest are all trying desperately to get the rights to this story of the progress of American Education.

**THURSDAY** night of last week it was clearly demonstrated that the planners of the annual Acalanes Christmas pageant blundered seriously when they underestimated the interest of the public in the production.

**We certainly hope they learned their lesson and that next year they'll have foresight enough to plan to have two performances instead of one.**

There is usally a star in every cast but not so in this case, for it was truly **ALL-STAR.** Take a bow, Miss Hamburger!

THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES seem to have gone over with the same amount of noise and enthusiasm as "the Thing." Everyone enjoyed themselves and ate heartily, or else the chocolate-covered faces were a disguise.

**JUST RECENTLY** Acalanes got another playup in a national magazine.

Every time we've had any national publicity it's been for the architecture. When will they realize that the swell bunch of kids that go here are nine times as important as any old school buildings?

## Honegger Fills Commission Job

George E. Honegger's 17 years on the Martinez Planning Commission will stand him in good stead in his new job. Contra Costa County supervisors have appointed the Martinez man to fill the vacancy on the County Planning Commission left by the resignation of Rene Narberes of Concord.

Honegger is a charter member of the Martinez Planning group and has served eight years as chairman. An advocate of firm, progressive planning, he is the only citizen member of the commission from Martinez.

Long active in community affairs, the new commissioner was a member of the Citizens' Water Committee which led the successful fight to bring canal water to Martinez. He was recently honored upon completion of 35 years' employment at the oil refinery in Martinez. An engineer, his employment has been interrupted only by Navy service in World War I.

Narberes, a resident of Concord, left the commission after six years' service.

**CONSERVATION PARLEY**

Private industry and state and federal governments are cooperating in planning the second regional conference on conservation of California's natural resources scheduled to be held in Berkeley January 25, 26 and 27.

Patronize Hometown Merchants.

## Citizens' Council To Study School

Names of the 30-member citizens' advisory council which will assist county schools and the County Board of Education with the Cooperative Study of educational services were announced today by Board President Charles Haworth of Pittsburg.

Members of the council for Acalanes are Mrs. Paul Nave of Walnut Creek, Orville Sammann of Lafayette and Mrs. Joan Erikson of Orinda.

The study has been undertaken as a means of helping solve problems which have arisen because of Contra Costa County's tremendous growth in population during the past decade. It also aims at the elimination of duplication in services

## Girl Scouts Sell Christmas Trees

**If you haven't bought your Christmas tree, remember the Girl Scout Christmas Tree sales headquarters on the north side of Mt. Diablo Boulevard, across from Happy Valley Nursery.**

**Proceeds from the Christmas tree sales help the Girl Scout program during the year. Do your good deed. Buy your Christmas tree there.**

## Bookmarks Tell Of Seal Drive

Many Contra Costa County residents who take books from the public libraries between now and Christmas will find green and white "Christmas bookmarks" inserted in each book they borrow. The book marks will call to hte readers' attention the current Christmas Seal Sale conducted by the Contra Costa Public Health Association to obtain funds for the Association's 1951 tuberculosis program.

Featured on the book mark is a little girl sitting under a huge Christmas tree reading one of her new story books. Written under the tree is the reminder "Christmas Seals are symbols of health."

The bookmarks need not be returned with the books. They should be read and then passed on to other members of the family and friends so that as many people as possible be reminded of the Seal Sale and the importance of tuberculosis prevention and control in this county.

The local chairmen of the Seal Sale campaign have also distributed book marks to the schools and rental libraries throughout the county.

## Nursery School Mothers Attend Christmas Party at Lyle Yorks'

The mothers of the Orinda Nursery School children had their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lyle York, 4 Santa Lucia Road, December 13.

The house was very festive with beautiful Christmas decorations.

The entertainment was enjoyed by the 80 mothers who braved the liquid fog to attend the party. Mrs. Robert McMillan from the Montclair Community Players gave a very funny monologue of a telephone conversation describing the purchase of many funny hats. She was equipped with a weird assortment of hats which added to the amusing situation.

Mrs. Stuart Henderson of the Nursery School gave a most entertaining reading of one of Cornelia Otis Skinner's stories from her new book. Mrs. James Brown brought her accordion and played the accompaniment for the singing of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Myrtle Patterson, Mrs. Wirt-abel Harris and Mrs. Maxine Laney, the nursery school directors, gave out the children's development reports, the first of a lot of report cards to be tucked away in the memory books as the little ones start their long climb up through the grades.

Punch and Christmas cookies were served by the refreshment committee, Mesdames Olive Vance, Dorothy Anderson, Barbara Fuller, Betty Dewing, Shirley Jones, Ruth Burde, Dorothy Hawes, Emma Usinger, Frances Allen and Betty Smith.

Mrs. Jean Cullen was general chairman of the party.

## Extension Given Auto Licenses

Under authority granted by the California Vehicle Code, Motor Vehicle Director A. H. Henderson has extended for 30 days all operators' licenses expiring during January, 1951.

The extension runs from the expiration date shown on the license. Applicants who must obtain operators' license renewals during January because of out-of-state trips or other reasons will be accommodated.

## Anti-Aircraft Unit Seeking Enlistments

The 432nd Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion of the U. S. Army Reserve at Oakland Army Base is now soliciting enlistments.

The unit meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 8 to 19 p.m., although those interested in learning about enlistment may visit on any Tuesday evening at Bldg. 270, Oakland Army Base.

## Nursery School Mothers Have Workshop Meeting

The November meeting of the Orinda Nursery School mothers was a veritable Santa Claus workshop. Wearing jeans, smocks and plain old work clothes the mothers met at the Nursery School Wednesday evening November 8 to repair the school equipment.

Busy on one side of the school room, mothers handy with a paint brush rejuvenated tables, chairs, doll beds, a kitchen stove and sink from the housekeeping corner. Mothers who can just whip up a smart little doll dress in a twinkling added much finery to the dolls' wardrobes.

Book-minded mothers tackled the much worn but well loved books and after consuming many rolls of scotch tape and book binding the library is once again in a readable state. Bits of paper littered the floor where scissors were kept going at a furious rate cutting pictures for scrap books.

By the time the debris was cleaned up the mothers full of a sense of accomplishment enjoyed refreshments served by Mesdames P. H. Deming, Stuart Brooks, Valentine Brooks, Robert Bettencourt, Richard Broderick, Jack Lee and Richard Hanlin.


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# Community Church's Christmas Service Sunday To Be Held at Orinda Theater

In Orinda, where all avenidas twist and wind to meet at the Crossroads, Christmas Sunday morning, December 24, will find the cars of this and neighboring communities parked at 10:30 at the Orinda Theater.

There, for the sixth time in as many years, Don Rheem will be host to Christmas worshipers in a church service under the auspices of the Orinda Community Church.

Leading the worship in Scripture, song and prayer will be the Rev. Fred R. Morrow, whose Christmas message is titled "Stranger Than Fiction."

**PORTIONS OF 'MESSIAH'**

Adult and junior choirs of the church will sing Nativity portions of Handel's spectacular oratorio "The Messiah," accompanied at the organ and by an orchestral ensemble, all under the direction of Margaret Popovich.

Traditionally the children of the community attend this service with their parents, but those too young to take part will be provided for at the Community Church children's unit.

Reverently and artistically transformed into a cathedral-like chancel by Mrs. A. D. Blalock, the stage of the theater will hold the altar and massed choirs. Members of the congregation are to participate in hymns and responses customarily associated with the season.

**CHORAL NUMBERS**

Choral numbers to be sung by the junior choir are "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Among the "Messiah" selections by the senior chorus are "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," "Glory to God" and the "Halleluiah Chorus."

The "Pastorale" is to be played by an instrumental group consisting of Lois Flenner and Evangeline Honnold, violin; Laura Hudd, Ann Kalbfleisch and Betty Richard, 'cello; Lo Dempster, recorder; Dana Elmore, flute, and Martha Williams, trumpet.

Recitatives will be sung by Mrs. Popovich.

Organ selections to be played by Virginia Baker include "From Heaven Above," by Karg-Ellert; "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," by J. S. Bach, and "Fall on Your Knees, All Ye Christians," a Lithuanian carol arranged by Whitmer.

Familiar carols will comprise the organ postlude.

People of all churches and faiths will be welcomed cordially.

## Mission Covenant Church to Hold Musical Program

Everyone is urged to attend the fine Musical Program to be held at the Lafayette Mission Covenant Church this Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service.

James Jeffers will be in charge. His chorus consists of members of the local churches in Walnut Creek and Lafayette.

Morris Bergeson will be in charge of the evening service from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Christmas program will be held tonight from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children will take part in songs and recitations.

It is not too late to bring your "White Gift" to be distributed to the needy when you come to the program tonight.

The Women's Fellowship will hold a New Years party Thursday, 7:45 p.m. It will be at the Morris Bergeson residence, 3936 Peardale in Lower Happy Valley. The husbands are to be the guests. A very interesting program is being planned.

## Schools May Get Additional Funds

California State Department of Education has notified the office of County Superintendent B. O. Wilson that a dozen Contra Costa school districts may qualify for additional funds because of large increases in attendance.

Districts listed as accepted for consideration are: Brentwood Union, Danville Union, Knightsen, Lafayette, Martinez, Mt. Diablo Unified, Orinda Union, Pinole-Hercules Union, Rodeo, San Pablo, Sheldon and Walnut Creek. Two other districts among the original applicants, Canyon and Vine Hill did not qualify for consideration.

## Wanted–Books For Servicemen

Pocket-sized books are needed for servicemen overseas and in hospitals, and the Mt. Diablo Chapter of the American Red Cross is eager to receive books for that purpose.

Chapter headquarters are at 1607 Locust Street, Walnut Creek. You can bring the books there or give them to Mrs. Donn Court in Lafayette, who will take them there. Mrs. Court's phone number is Lafayette 2762.

**SENIOR CLERK**

Applications are now being accepted for a competitive examination for senior clerk, the Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission announced today.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, December 24, will be "Christ Jesus." The Golden Text will be taken from Isaiah: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders" (9:6).

Included among the other citations from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, comprising the sermon, will be the following:

Mark 10:13-15: "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

Science and Health: "As aforetime, the spirit of the Christ, which taketh away the ceremonies and doctrines of men, is not accepted until the hearts of men are made ready for it" (p. 131).

Christian Science Society, Orinda — 42 Orinda Highway. Sunday, 11 a.m., Wednesday 8 p.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. All welcome.

What's The Sermon For Sunday?

CHURCHES

Each week we report church news . . .

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## Lutherans Plan Xmas Services

The schedule of Christmas services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette is as follows:

Sunday — 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, and 10:45 a.m., morning worship. 11:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Monday — 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., identical Christmas Festival Services.

**FAULTY THERMOSTAT**

Overheating or slow warming of an automobile engine may be caused by a faulty thermostat. The thermostat should be checked periodically.

# Church Named St. Stephen's At First Official Meeting

The first official meeting of the Orinda Episcopal Church was held on Sunday immediately following the 11 o'clock service.

This was an auspicious occasion, directed by Dr. Frederick A. Schilling, vicar in charge, at which time the church gained official recognition and became a mission church under the Northern California Diocese. Canon Charles Gilbert, director of the department of promotion and publicity for the diocese and representing Bishop Karl Morgan Block, spoke to the congregation. He assured them of the help from the diocese and said that "anything that strengthens the church in any place, strengthens the church in every place."

**READ LETTER**

A letter was read from Dr. Henry Thomas, rector of St. Clement's, Berkeley, extending his blessing and good wishes.

The congregation voted on several names with the final choice being St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Orinda.

The financial report was given by Clinton Easterbrook, treasurer, and plans announced for an every member canvass with Paul Demeter, chairman.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

A Woman's Auxiliary was elected with Mrs. William Sparling, president; Mrs. Harold Doane, vice president; Mrs. A. P. Wold, secretary, and Mrs. S. A. Ballard, treasurer.

Plans for a Sunday School and Youth Group are being made and will be carried out as soon as facilities are available.

## John Maddux Moves

John Maddux, who has had his display card and sign painting headquarters at the rear of the Crystal Fountain on Mt. Diablo Boulevard, has moved recently to a new location in an upstairs office of the Starks-Meyers Building on Hough near Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

## Christmas Story By Inn Keeper To Be Recounted

The Inn Keeper of old Bethlehem will make a visit to the Community Methodist Church Sunday morning to tell his story of that day when he had no room in his inn and permitted Mary and Joseph to use the stable.

The Inn Keeper will have all the people who took part in that great day with him in the form of music.

Church School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11. "The Christmas Story" in pageant form will be presented by the Church School at 4 p.m.. At 11 p.m. the candle-lighting Service will be held.

Pastors are Bishop George A. Miller and Harry E. Shaner.


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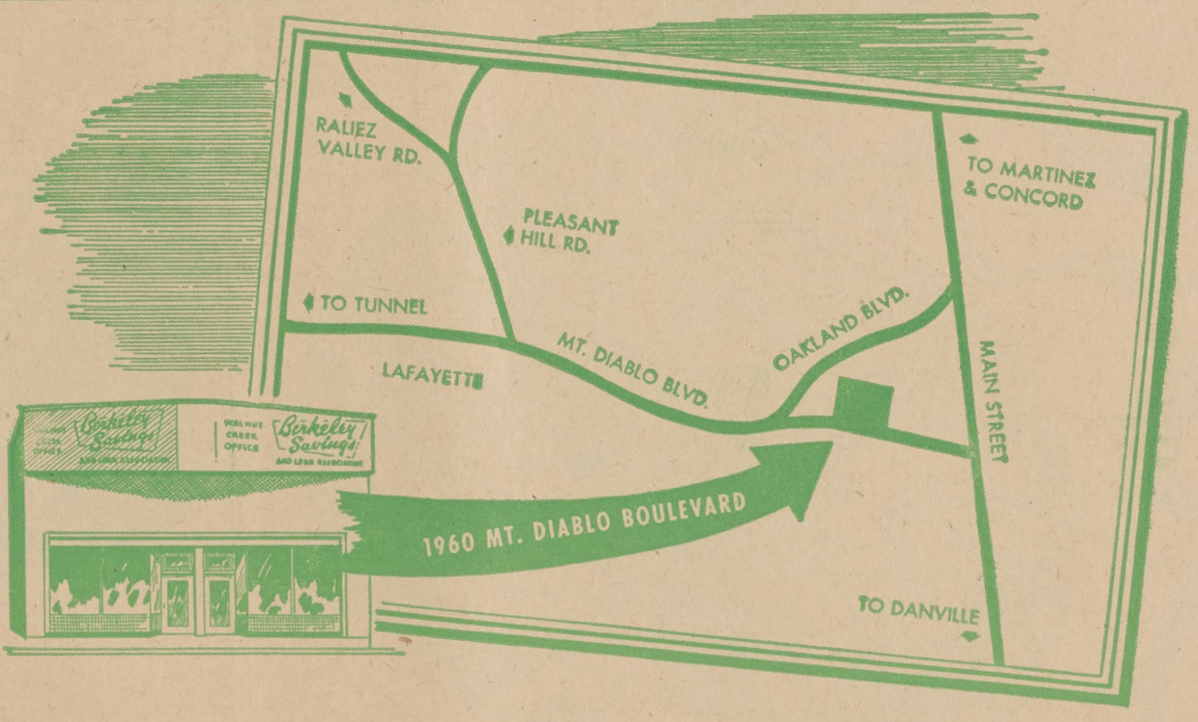


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## Christmas Brings Us to Beginnings of Hopefulness, Rev. Schilling Stresses

By
REV. FREDERICK A. SCHILLING
Vicar, Orinda Episcopal Congregation

Christmas, as a religious season, offers us a respite from the noise and confusion of the year. Now especially we need the healing message and spirit of Christmas.

We are almost obsessed with doom. Daily events crowd catastrophic scenes and preparations for such eventualities upon us. Bookmarts are filled with literature of doom: "No Place to Hide," "World Aflame" and many other such titles.

One begins to feel as though we are being whirled about in a witch's dance that is going faster and faster into a crashing collapse.

It need not be so. Christmas tells us that. It brings us glad tidings instead.

The holy scene brings us back to the spring of life, to the beginnings of hopefulness, to the virginal nativity of sweetness and purity.

We are told again of that divine event when God united with man to redeem man. God then brought into human life a new potential and meaning of which men, however, have not availed themselves enough; but which can bring the needed rescue and restoration to an otherwise hopeless humanity.

The Holy Nativity is not only a memory, but a present experience as well. Christmas is full in meaning and worth when it brings Christ's birth in us anew, and through us into the whole world of man.

When in the silent hours of Holy Night we again bow in wonder before the Christ we can feel ourselves verily in touch with the wondrous powers by which God renews and strengthens and transforms.

But we must abruptly tear ourselves away from the hypnotic grip of the world and come aside and rest—in His Presence.

It was a time of violence and oppression into which the Christ was born. Yet, He came not as another warrior or man of power or purveyor of sensational promises.

Quietly He came like the breaking of dawn after a tempestuous night. Quietly He served among His people. So He would come again today with healing and peace.

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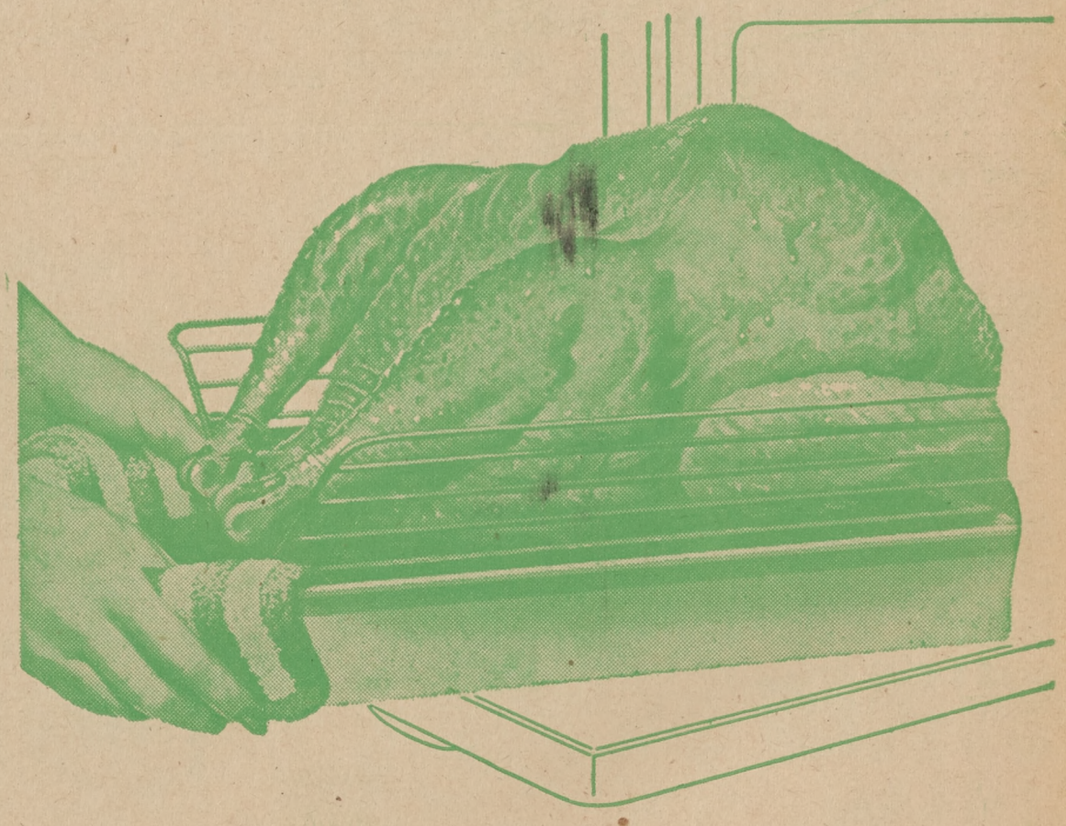

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## Moraga Woodlands Sued by Builder In Plan Dispute

Charging that his plans to construct a $40,000 residence with swimming pool were interrupted by a preliminary injunction obtained by Moraga Woodlands, Inc., Charles G. Scurich brought counter suit this week for $50,000.

Scurich and Elizabath A. Scurich sued the corporation after Superior Judge Harold Jacoby dissolved the preliminary injunction for failure of the plaintiff to post a $4,000 bond. Scurich, who is engaged in the building industry, claimed his building plans were interrupted by the litigation instigated in Contra Costa Superior Court.

He had obtained a permit from the county building inspector but had ceased activities when the restrainer was issued by Judge Jacoby on October 24. The order required Scurich to obtain approval by Moraga Woodlands of the "complete plans and specifications, including a plot plan."

The present plaintiff declares he delivered the building plans to James Lindsey, president of Moraga Woodlands, Inc., who, "without good cause, arbitrarily rejected them."

POPULAR AS EVER, among adults as well as children, is our good old friend Santa Claus. This group at the Orinda Rotary Club's Christmas party for youngsters, given last Saturday at the Orinda Theater, proves the point. In front, left to right, are George Matey, Santa and a little girl who, in all the adult excitement, remained unidentified, although obviously she was the most important person there, so far as Santa was concerned. (And you can bet the Jolly Old Gent knows who she is!) In back, left to right, are C. Don Anderson, Walter Nicklas, Victor Richit, Frank Shirey, A. Keene Pettengill, Frank Olsen, Wayne Seroy and Bob Nordquist. (Santa, it seems, was assisted by Leighton MacGregor.) Photo by Ben Randall.

## Planners Approve Community Church Building Request

Orinda Community Church received favorable recommendation from the County Planning Commission Tuesday night on its request for a permit to build a new church structure with 10-foot side yards, on Irwin Way off San Pablo Creek Road, an R-A district.

This recommendation marks another step in the progress of the church's new chapel and classroom building, ground for which was recently broken at impressive ceremonies. The matter now goes to the County Board of Supervisors.

**PROPOSED SUBDIVISION**

The planners' nod was also given to the application of F. W. Draeger for a proposed subdivision, Rheem Highlands Unit 2, Southeast of Glorietta Boulevard.

The proposed subdivision, in an agricultural district, would have 20 lots of approximately a half-acre each.

**OTHERS RECOMMENDED**

Other Orinda permit-requests getting the commission's approval included those of:

Fenn J. Wilson, for a 20-foot setback on the west portion of Lot 41, Orinda Uplands, fronting approximately 150 feet on the north side of Diablo View Drive, an S district.

Hancock Construction Company, for side yards of 16 feet, nine inches on both sides and a 20-foot setback, Lot 31, Moraga Gardens Unit 1, an R-A district.

## Blalock Named Haceinda Homes General Manager

Andy Blalock was named a director of Hacienda Homes at a recent meeting of the organization's board, Clarence E. Fleager, board president, announced today. Blalock succeeds George Hauerken, who resigned.

The board also named Blalock vice president, succeeding H. Neal East, and appointed Blalock to the newly created post of general manager.

As general manager, Blalock will be in charge of the organization's activities, Fleager explained, and will take over the first of the year.

The board now consists of K. B. Anderson, H. Neal East and Edwin Miller for the west side of the area, Blalock, Fleager and Edgar Stewart for the east side and Edward De Laveaga as an at-large member.

Districts served by Hacienda Homes include Hacienda Del Orinda on the east side and Garden of Eden, Orinda Park Terrace and Lake Orinda Highlands on the west side.

## Orinda Builder Wins Contest

Robert R. Platt of Arlene Drive was this week selected first prize winner in a National Association of Home Builders contest in Washington, D. C.

Platt, a general contractor in Orinda, won the 1950 prize for larger homes of over 50 units from entries of 100 states and the District of Columbia, according to an Associated Press dispatch from the capital.

## Board Accepts New Units at Both Schools

Following inspection of the two units earlier in the day, the Orinda School Board, at a special meeting Tuesday morning at Orinda Grammar School, formally accepted the structural additions to the Orinda and Glorietta Schools.

Present on the inspection tour were Board Members Edgar Stewart, president; Mrs. Joan Erikson, clerk; Ritchie Smith and Jack Fraser. Accompanying them were Schools Superintendent Joseph L. Sheaff, Jack Buchter, architect of the new units; T. L. Jensen, the inspector, and David Zuckerman, the contractor.

**SHIP-SHAPE**

According to Sheaff, the board found everything ship-shape. Eighty-one items listed as incomplete the weekend before last, most of them of minor nature, had been completed, he said.

Inspection had previously been scheduled for December 9, but had been called off upon presentation of a list of the unfinished items by Buchter and Jensen.

**EXTERIOR WORK**

Still to be completed, and to be accepted upon completion, is exterior work at both units, such as rock walls, paving and outside painting. This work has been delayed by the weather, Sheaff said.

The new units have been used for classroom purposes for a couple of months.

Next meeting of the board will be held January 8, 8 p.m., at Orinda Grammar School.

## Four Building Permits Issued

Four new residence and garage construction permits were issued for Orinda area the week ending December 15.

Okays were granted as follows:

Owner James P. Read, Lot 115 Richard Court and Moraga Highway, Moraga Woodlands, estimated cost $12,865; builder Von Guenthner and Radonich.

Owner K. D. Detling, Lot 2 Sally Ann Road, Sally Ann Meadows, estimated cost $11,145; builder Von Guenthner and Radonich.

Owner R. A. Hansen, Jr., Richmond, Portion 68 E., Hilldale Court and Crest View, Moraga Woodlands, estimated cost $7,780; builder same as owner.

Owner D. S. Carter, Lot 199 Terry Lane and Lombardy Lane, Sleepy Hollow Estates, estimated cost $14,616; builder Bailey Construction Company, Lafayette.

## Orinda Chamber Postpones Meeting

Because of the rush of holiday preparations, Orinda Chamber of Commerce postponed the regular meeting scheduled for yesterday until the next regular meeting date, January 4, 1951, according to Ramsay Underwood, publicity chairman.

## Attn: Santa and Our Weatherman

Dear Santa and
Orinda Weather Man:

Please, please, don't let it rain for Christmas. I won't ask for my two front teeth back. They were my second ones, too. And I lost them, quick like and painfully, when I skidded down the front steps one of those drizzly days this past week, so one or the other of you should have SOME consideration.

According to the weather department statistics, we had 1.47 inches of rain dripped on us (and on my front steps) from December 13 to December 19, which brings the seasonal rainfall since July 1 to 22.69 inches.

Santa, honest, we can hardly bear to even mention the word, reindeer. Go into a huddle with the weatherman, please, St. Nick. Tell him that we don't mind the temperatures so much lately—we had a high of 65 degrees the 16th and a minimum of 37 degrees the 18th—but the dampness is creeping into our bones and mildewing our dispositions.

Wouldn't you even threaten the W.M. a little, Santa? Tell him your workshop is inventing a new gadget for the younger set (only $39.50) which will make all present modes of weather prognostication out-of-date.

Tell him you'll freeze all the weather instruments or that Prancer will kick the top off the thermometer. Tell him all the "Orinda kids" will weep and wail if they can't go outdoors to show off their new toys.

Aw, what's the use, Santa. If it rains, it rains. Just tell him "Merry Christmas" for us, and the same to you, sir, we're sure.

## Postoffice Hours

The Orinda postoffice will be open tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 'Man of Year' Committee Formed

**With so many good people in the community, the group's job may prove tough—but nevertheless a committee to choose Orinda's "Man of the Year" was announced this week.**

**The committee consists of Mrs. Helen Vurek, chairman; Mrs. Roberta Spiegl and Rev. Fred Morrow.**

**Nominations for Orinda's outstanding citizen of 1950 will be studied by the committee, which will decide which man or woman best rates the title, "Man of the Year."**

**The committee's selection will be based entirely on nominations made by the public. So if you have any suggestions, please send them promptly to Mrs. Vurek, 24 Vallecito Lane, Orinda, or to the SUN office.**

**Who do YOU think has contributed most to Orinda during 1950?**

## Rotarians, Anns At Meeting; 650 Kids Enjoy Party

Rotary Anns joined Orinda Rotarians in attending the Christmas meeting held Wednesday noon at the Willows. Program Chairman Frank Shirey was assisted by Mrs. Janet Shirey in arranging the special entertainment features that highlighted the session.

A sextet of boys from Orinda Community Church sang selections, three of the boys then combining their talents by singing to the accompaniment of a ukelele played by one member of their group. Those taking part were Woody Hauter, Mike Davis, Bob Johnson, Douglas Krotz, Phil Dempster and John Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Popovich directed the singers, and they were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Virginia Baker.

Marimba solos by Miss Naomi Pettengill included "O Holy Night," Winter Wonderland" and a medley of carols.

**650 KIDS AT PARTY**

Congratulations were extended to Leighton MacGregor for his Santa role at the service club's Christmas party given for youngsters of the community last Saturday at Orinda Theater.

More than 650 children attended this year, in contrast to the approximately 400 who were present last year, with possibility of necessity of planning for 1,000 in 1951.

Bob Nordquist and Ben Randall were the planning committee for the theater party, at which a movie and cartoons were shown and Santa appeared to present each child with a gift and a bag of candy.

The youngsters were reported to be exceptionally well-behaved, filing to their seats in an orderly manner with Rotary Club members in attendance helping out in the gift distribution.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Rotarians and Rotary Anns ended the Wednesday session by singing Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Shirey, and each feminine guest was presented with a gift.

Rev. Fred Morrow gave the invocation for the Christmas meeting, which was adjourned by President Frank Olsen, tendering his Christmas wishes to all present.

A round-table meeting will be held at the regular time next Wednesday at the Willows.

## Therapy Center Group Meets 27th

The evening group of the Orinda Branch of the Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center will meet December 27, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. C. E. Cook, 225 El Toyonal. Mrs. Donald Anderson will preside.

Mrs. Peter Veitch will present her report on the Christmas party held at the center on December 19.

Other matters to be discussed will be the choice of a name for the group and plans for the benefit bridge luncheon to be held in February in cooperation with the afternoon group of the Orinda Branch of the center.

# State Faces Problem on Slide Removal

Surfacing of the three-lane detour around the landslide-mass of earth three-fourths of a mile west of Orinda Crossroads was under way this week.

Meanwhile, studies were continued regarding the slide itself, in an effort to learn when and how to proceed with complete clearing of the debris from Mt. Diablo Boulevard, according to Floyd Sherry, assistant maintenance engineer for District IV of the State Division of Highways.

"It will be at least another week before digging can be started for clearing the highway," Sherry said. "Laboratory men of the division were on the scene Tuesday, checking. We haven't received their findings yet."

Maintenance crews started to surface the detour, but found the ground too soft, Sherry reported, so base rock is being placed on the ground.

"Actual surfacing has been done on some portions, and will continue on the rest. The surfacing material is a plant mix."

Asked how long actual clearing of the slide would take, once it got under way, Sherry said, "Your guess is as good as mine. There are many factors involved."

Purpose of the thorough studies, according to District Engineer L. A. Weymouth, is to guard against possible new slides at the site.

**HYDRAGER WORK**

One of the steps being taken, Sherry said, is hydrager work.

"This consists of driving perforated pipes, about two inches in diameter, into the slide slope," he explained. "The water in the earth has a tendency to flow into the pipes, through the perforations, and in this way the water is drained off.

"Otherwise the water would keep lubricating the earth, making mud, which would keep slipping down."

R. D. Kinsey, assistant district engineer in charge of maintenance, was at the slide scene during the week, Sherry said.

Sherry added that the rainfall since the December 9 slide, which completely blocked the highway for two days, had "apparently not caused any further damage."

Cross-sections of the slide-pile have been taken, for elevation and width measurements.

Asked if the studies now being made would assure proper procedure in removing the slide-earth from the highway, Sherry remarked:

"At least we'll know which way to run."

Meanwhile, Joseph L. Judson of Pittsburg, chairman of the highway committee of the Contra Costa Development Association, had added his voice to the many statements that the slide shows the urgent need for additional major highway facilities in this area, with either a second tunnel or an over-the-hills highway providing additional access between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

**'DEFENSE PROBLEM'**

"This is primarily a defense problem," he said, and should get high priority.

"It is vital that we get at least one more direct outlet to the east for evacuation and military transportation purposes."

Judson is liaison representative of the County Board of Supervisors at State Highway Commission meetings.

## 100 Attend Lions Yuletide Party

Over 100 Orinda Lions, their wives and guests attended the Lions Club Christmas party at the Orinda Willows Monday evening.

Arrangements for the affair were in the hands of Dr. Wirt Eller, who was complimented on his handling of the plans. Dinner and then dancing to the music of Gordon Heche's orchestra were the highlights of the evening, according to Bill Worden, publicity chairman.

The Lions Club will convene next Wednesday for its regular business session at the Willows.

## Orinda Assoc. Ballots to Go To Members Soon

Ballots for election of five new directors of the Orinda Association are expected to be sent to all members in good standing within the next couple of weeks, Marvin T. Bonds, president, said today.

Bonds explained that Mrs. C. B. Chantler, secretary-treasurer of the organization, is sending membership blanks and dues statements to all who, during the recent membership drive, indicated desire to join.

"After the last of the statements have been sent out, we want to let a week elapse before sending out the ballots," Bonds said.

**AMPLE TIME**

"Reason for that is so that everyone who wants to join the association will have ample time to do so and be able to vote in the election."

Bonds pointed out that the membership drive was "very successful," with a membership jump from 650 to around 1,500 possible. The drive was conducted by the Civic Affairs Committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Helen Vurek as general chairman of the drive.

**CANDIDATES**

Candidates for the directorship posts are Joseph De Costa, Harold Rote, Mrs. Edward De Laveaga, Kendrick Morrish, Norman Coates, Jack Buchter, Mrs. Thomas N. St. Hill and Stanley Allen.

Bob Clough, chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee, which named the nominating committee, reported this week that no additional nominations have been received.

## Wildcat Canyon Resurfacing Proposal Recalled by Mt. Diablo Blvd. Slide

Importance of Wildcat Canyon Road, if properly developed, as a route to Berkeley has been sharply re-emphasized by the recent major landslide west of Orinda Crossroads, in the opinion of Richard Walpole, manager of the East Bay Regional Park District.

According to Walpole, rumors that the park district and Alameda County had recently approached Contra Costa County supervisors with a plan for paving of the road by Contra Costa, with cost to be shared evenly by the three units and that Contra Costa had turned the proposition down, are apparently unfounded.

**PROPOSED YEAR AGO**

But Walpole recalled that about a year ago just such a proposal was made, and that Contra Costa officials stated at the time they did not have the funds for it.

"If the matter came up again today, I'm sure the park district and Alameda County would be interested in discussing it, but I doubt if either of them would be able to go ahead financially on it," he said.

**ATTENDED MEETING**

About a year ago he and Supervisor Tom Caldecott of Alameda County attended a meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in Martinez and proposed that the three bodies jointly bear the cost of resurfacing Wildcat Canyon Road, Walpole said.

"We figured the total cost would be around $120,000, and that Contra Costa, Alameda County and the Regional Park District could each put up $40,000," Walpole continued. "The work would be done by Contra Costa County, according to the proposal, since the entire road is a Contra Costa County road .

"The park district and Alameda County realized the importance of proper development of this road and each was willing to pay one-third of the expense, if Contra Costa would do the resurfacing.

"However, the Contra Costa board said it didn't have the money to participate in such a venture, but that they might the following fiscal year. That was the last I heard of the matter."

**RIPLEY IN FAVOR**

Walpole said that Contra Costa Supervisor S. S. Ripley was in favor of the idea at the time, but that the other Contra Costa supervisors were against it.

"If the matter came up again, I doubt if Alameda County or the park district would be able financially to go through with such a plan now, due to other expenses," he stated. "A year ago, though, we were able and willing."

Last year's proposal was for resurfacing of Wildcat Canyon Road and widening portions of it, but not for realigning curves, Walpole explained.

"The road comes into Tilden Park, a public recreation area, so it shouldn't be made into a through highway," he said. "But if the present road were resurfaced and widened, the situation would be improved 100 per cent. A good paved road with a 25-mile speed limit would serve the purpose."

Wildcat Canyon Road goes through East Bay Municipal Utility District property in Contra Costa County to Tilden Park, and connects with Grizzly Peak Boulevard.

The East Bay Regional Park District includes Lake Temescal, Redwood and Tilden Parks in Alameda County.

# World of Despair, Violence Need Not Wait To Be Saved, States Rev. Morrow

By Rev. FRED MORROW
Orinda Community Church

There are striking parallels between the world of Augustan Rome and the world of the Truman-Attlee-Stalin era.

Separated by 1,900 years, their common characteristics are sophistication, disillusionment, discontent, disorder and violence.

**THE SAME DESPAIR**

In both periods we detect the same underlying despair, the same desperate reliance on force, the same growing disregard of individual life and conscience. Political leadership in such times seems to be in a rut and going in the wrong direction.

Something radical must be done — something bigger than lies within the ken of politics, economics and technology, something to penetrate the brains of common men, to break their hearts and set them right again.

**HOPE AND BROTHERHOOD**

That something radical was done. Shunning world capitals, the Author of Life brought faith and hope and brotherhood to life in a dirty suburb of Herod's Jerusalem, in a hovel, among peasants.

That world had to wait for Him to grow up that it might hear his voice.

**WE NEED NOT WAIT**

Ours need not wait. Are we going to turn to Bethlehem and Galilee and Golgotha while there is yet time? Will "peace on earth, good will to men" remain a hollow mockery?

Or will God once more spark into life that daring, creative impulse, now dormant but always smoldering, by which men and nations may turn again and be saved?

How many more Christmases do YOU think we have left?

**EXAM FOR COOK**

County Civil Service Commission announces an examination for cook. Applications will be accepted until January 12.

## 'Messiah' Performance Acclaimed

Plaudits for last week's fourth annual performance of "The Messiah" by the Acalanes Evening Chorus were still echoing—figuratively at least—this week.

With the Acalanes High School auditorium jammed to a standing-room-only capacity, the audience showed its appreciation and delight by enthusiastic applause. Audience comment afterward acclaimed the performance as the best rendition of Handel's inspiring oratorio ever presented at the high school.

Bruce Handley directed the chorus in the December 10 program, and the orchestra was under the direction of Oscar Busch. The chorus is sponsored by the Adult Education Department of the high school, and its members come from throughout Central Contra Costa County.

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## Nab Remmer in Drunk Brawl at Hollywood Cafe

Search for Elmer (Bones) Remmer, kingpin gambling operator prominently mentioned in the recent State Crime Commission report on gambling activities in Contra Costa County, and since then sought by the U. S. Senate Crime Committee, ended this week.

Remmer and three companions were jailed in Hollywood after a brawl in a swanky night club, the Encore, early Monday morning.

Missing from his usual Bay Area haunts for over a month, Remmer told police he was in Los Angeles for Sunday's pro football game between the L. A. Rams and the Chicago Bears.

**WON'T BE MISSING**

But investigators for the U. S. Senate committee, armed with subpoenas, made sure he would not be missing when the committee returns to San Francisco in January.

Seized with Remmer was Thomas J. Whalen, identified as a member of the old Capone mob, who was accused of ducking a committee subpoena in St. Louis.

Also nabbed and placed in jail were Vici Raaf, 25, who described herself as an actress and whom Remmer at first said was his "wife" but who later was identified as Whalen's girl friend, and Edmund M. Scribner of Bakersfield.

**CHARGES**

All four were charged with being drunk, and in Remmer's case the description "loud and boisterous" was added.

In Washington, D. C., Harold G. Robinson, chief investigator for the Senate committee, declared that Remmer would be called in when the committee meets next month in San Francisco.

Remmer had $1,206.59 in cash on his person at the time of his arrest; Whalen, $4,614, and Scribner, $1,377.70.

The manager of the night club had complained that the three men were fighting and were wrecking the place.

**PASSING A TRUCK**

Don't crowd the rear end of a truck that you are trying to pass, advises the National Automobile Club. Stay far enough behind it to allow yourself plenty of room to pull back into line if the way ahead should be blocked by an approaching vehicle. And stay far enough behind to give yourself an adequate range of vision.

## Moraga Valley Party Tonight

The Moraga Valley Community Club will hold its first Christmas party tonight at 8 at the home of John and Evelyn Wibberley on Camino Pablo Road, Moraga.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. All members are invited, President Joe Hansen stresses.

**TECHNICIAN JOB**

Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission announces an examination for clinical laboratory technician. Applications will be accepted until January 19, 1951.


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# Despite Fast Don Play, Livermore Defeats Acalanes in 2 Court Games

Acalanes' Dons traveled to Livermore last Friday night only to be set back in a doubleheader.

The varsity came close but lost 40-38, while the Bees ended up on the short end of a 40-23 count.

**TIED SEVEN TIMES**

The Varsity tilt was a slam bang game all the way, with the count tied on seven different occasions.

Livermore tallied first on a free throw. Seconds later Darien Baintel, sharp-shooting Livermore forward, hit from 15 feet out to make it 3-0.

Roger Linn, Don guard, hit a field goal on a layup, and Art Siler duplicated the shot to give the Acalanes five a 4-3 lead.

Four minutes to go in the first half found the score tied at 12-all, and it tied up again with 55 seconds left at 23-all, only to have Bill Rehder, Livermore's six-foot-five center, register four points on two tip-ins.

**COME BACK FAST**

Coach Leland Arth evidently gave the boys a talk at half-time, as they came back fast in the third quarter. Art Siler, starting Don forward, hit for two quick setups, and Bob Kleckner hit from eight feet out to go ahead 29-27.

Livermore decided to do something about the situation, however, and forged to a 30-28 lead. But Kleckner found the range on a one-handed push shot to make it 30-30.

**TIE AGAIN!**

Bainter of Livermore hit again for a short-lived lead. Bob Winkenbach, Don guard, banged one in from 20 feet out to tie it all up.

The Acalanes fans went wild as Bob Borghesani hit on an overhead flip with his back to the bucket to put the Dons in a 34-32 lead.

It wasn't to last, however. Livermore's Bainter and Rehder racked up eight points in the closing minutes, while the Dons could muster but four, to end the game at 40-38.

In the Varsity fray Art Siler led the Dons with 11, while Darien Bainter was a thorn in the side of Acalanes, hitting on three charity tosses and eight field goals for a grand total of 19.

**ALL FROSH START**

In the Bee game, Coach Jerry Brown started an All-Frosh five who gained a lot of valuable experience but in so doing gave Livermore a comfortable 21-2 lead.

In the second quarter the regulars were inserted but they had a tough time getting going and trailed at the halfway mark 31-9.

**2ND HALF DIFFERENT**

The second half was a bit different, however, as Livermore scored but nine points while the Don Babes hit for 14, to give a final 40-23 count.

Al Culp led the Bee scorers for Acalanes with 7, while Bill Huddleston hit for 20 of Livermore's 40.

# Don Fives Rest; League Openers Set for Jan. 12

The Acalanes Don basketball teams lie idle over the Christmas holidays, resting up for the strenuous schedule which lies ahead.

League rules prevent any practice during the holiday season, and the Dons will meet a toughie when they travel to Alameda on January 6 after having had but three days practice.

On the 9th they travel to Berkeley for a game with the Berkeley High Yellowjackets .

**LEAGUE OPENER**

League opener festivities against Albany High on the home court are January 12.

On the basis of showings made to date, it looks like Art Siler and Bob Kleckner in the varsity forward spots, with Bob Borghesani at center, backed by Roger Linn and Bob Winkenbach at guards.

**BEE LINEUP?**

The Bee lineup appears a bit more uncertain, with a scrap on for the starting five.

Mike Klement seems to be the best bet at center while Al Culp looks the best at a forward spot, where he teams up with Mike White.

Another Mike with the last name of Elvidge appears set at guard, with the fifth spot wide open, to be decided on the basis of play in the two practice games prior to the opening league game January 12.

# Holiday Schedule Here Announced By Western Union

The Lafayette Western Union office will be open for two hours each Saturday and Sunday of the Christmas and New Year weekends, Mrs. Dorothy B. Hunter, agent in charge, announced this week.

The station will be open from 10 a.m. to noon this Sunday, December 24; Monday (Christmas); Sunday, December 31, and Monday, January 1. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Phone number is Lafayette 2268

**VETS' ENROLLMENTS**

Veterans' fall enrollments in schools and colleges are running about 20 percent under last fall, Veterans Administration discloses.

# Here Is E. Campus Basketball Schedule

Here is Contra Costa Junior College East Campus' basketball schedule for the remainder of this season:

December 29, Hawaiian All Stars, at Concord, 8 p.m.

January 3, 4, 5, 6, Modesto Tournament, at Modesto 8 p.m.

January 9, Vallejo College at Vallejo, 8 p.m.

January 12, Monterey Peninsula College (Coast Conference game), at Monterey, 8 p.m.

January 16, Napa College, at C. C. Co. Fairgrounds (Antioch), 8 p.m.

January 20, Menlo College, at Concord (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

January 23, Yuba College, at Marysville, 8 p.m.

January 26, S. F. State J. V.'s at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m.

January 31, College of Marin, at C. C. Co. Fairgrounds (Antioch), (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

February 2, Hartnell College, at Salinas (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

February 9, Monterey Peninsula College, at Concord (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

February 10, Hartnell College, at Concord (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

February 14, Menlo College at Menlo (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

February 17, Stockton College, at Stockton, 8 p.m.

February 23, College of Marin, at Kentfield (Coast Conference game), 8 p.m.

# SPORTS

*From the Sidelines*

## Many Former Don Athletes Have Joined Another Team—That of Our Uncle Sam

By ERWIN MATTSON

**THE PAST MONTH** has brought news of many former Dons who starred on the athletic field joining up with another team — Uncle Sam's.

Billy Rupp and Don Ferrarese are in the Army. Bill was outstanding as a football player and track sprinter, while Don was one of the few athletes to win four letters in a season, in addition to taking national honors in baseball.

Ken Jones, football and baseball standout of last year and a starter on Contra Costa Junior College's football team, has left for Navy duty.

**THE LUCAS GANG** has really had a big week. Marvin Lucas, varsity and track star of several years back, left for the Marines, while brother Cliff joined up with the Navy and cousin Lawrence signed up with the Maritime Academy.

**Cliff was a letterman in track and football, while Lawrence stood out as an All-County tackle in football and was No. 1 in the County meet when it came to tossing the 12-pound shot.**

Pete Wilkins, a former hurdler, is with the Army, as is John Mozzetti, a football player.

Don Ryan, football and baseball standout, has also donned the khaki.

**THESE ARE JUST** a few who have gone to military life, and the way things look many will follow soon.

It is to be hoped that things will return to normal before long, but the way things have been it's rather difficult to recognize, let alone define, "normal times."

**One thing is certain, and that is that athletics will stand those who go into the service in good stead.**

Athletics are a definite part of military life and provide a wholesome outlet for pent-up energy.

**ONE THING** that is really needed is news from home, so don't put —off writing those letters that mean so much.

I plan to put out a news letter each month to former Acalanes students who have gone into the service. It will deal with high school and local news.

If you know of someone whom you feel would enjoy receiving such a letter, please send me his address on a postcard. My address is 60 Thomson Road, Lafayette.

**FROM EXPERIENCE** I know what news from home means, and if I can reach a number of the boys in this way I feel that it will be worth a lot more than the effort expended on my part.

**CONTRA COSTA** basketball teams go into hibernation for a couple of weeks, due to the league ruling which prohibits practice during vacation periods.

**That means that teams will have to work the kinks out in a hurry**

**come the first of the year, with league play getting under way on January 12.**

**INCIDENTALLY,** basbetball fans should take in a game or two at the Cow Palace during the holiday season.

Some dandy intersectional games are on tap, and of the doubleheader variety, so you really get your money's worth.

**I NOTE** where the fans gave Stub Van Brocklin a bad time at the Los Angeles Coliseum the other day when his eleven, the L. A. Rams, defeated the Bears for the right to meet the Cleveland Browns for the pro championship.

**It seems as if Stub, who started the game, was off on his throwing and as a result was overshooting his target.**

It appears that the fans, fickle as usual, didn't take long to get on him.

**Stub has won more than one game for the team — but all that is soon forgotten.**

The consoling factor is that Stub makes more in a season than the average fan makes in three.

**And one thing for certain is that** he can play a lot more football than 99-9/10 per cent of the 80,000 spectators present, most of whom don't know a lateral from a forward pass.

**THE FOOTBALL RULES** committee meets next month. Ten to one it comes up with some new regulations to confuse the fans and players, as well as the officials.

One thing appears certain — there will be few if any college frosh teams next fall.

# Recital Tomorrow By Souza Pupils

A musical recital and Christmas party will be given tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 by pupils of Mary Nunes Souza at her studio in Glenside Estates.

Performers will include Marcellus Garland, Jr.; Anna Aldano, Diane Fekete, Glenn Rhodes, Nick Roth, Dianne Roth, Dick Barnholdt and Dick Neuman.

## State Aid to Schools

Public elementary and high school districts in Contra Costa County will receive $7,283,781 in direct state support this year, California Taxpayers' Association said today.

State support of the two public school levels in the county this year includes $5,722,565 for elementary school districts and $1,561,216 for high schools.

It is based on 42,934 average daily attendance for the elementary schools and 11,892 for the high school districts in the county.

**CUTOFF DATE**

Veterans of World War II planning GI Bill education and training are reminded by Veterans Administration that July 25, 1951, is the cut-off date for starting courses.

# St. Stephen's Plans Children's Party

St. Stephen's Church is planning a Christmas party for the children of the congregation tomorrow at the Orinda Scout House at 7 p.m.

As this is a family party parents are urged to come too. There will be Christmas carols and a tree, and a film "When the Littlest Camel Knelt" will be shown. A group of young people has been practicing carols with Mrs. Robert Harrison in charge. They plan to sing for the party and carol throughout Orinda ending with a party at the home of Mrs. Thomas St. Hill. Richard Over from the Church Divinity School will accompany them.

Regular Sunday morning services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Scout House. Sunday night starting at 11 p.m. a choral communion will be held. There will be no services on Christmas day.

## Plumbing Contractors Auxiliary Has Party

The annual Christmas party of the Eastbay Ladies Auxiliary of the Alameda and Contra Costa Plumbing Contractors was held recently at the Alameda County Master Plumbers Hall in Oakland.


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# Club Reception Follows Wedding

Following the wedding of Jane Graham and former St. Mary's student James Edward O'Halloran at St. Augustine's Catholic Church Saturday morning, a wedding reception was held at Orinda Country Club.

The bride, who was educated at St. Mary's College, North Carolina, and at the University of Georgia, is the daughter of James Gibson Graham of Atlanta, Georgia, who came west for the ceremony.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Michael O'Halloran of Oakland, attended the University of California, in addition to his studying at St. Mary's.

## STORK CLUB....

Lawrence Nelson Walsh will celebrate the beginning of his second month on Christmas Day. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Walsh, Jr., the youngster was born November 24. Young Lawrence has a 3½-year-old sister, Pamela.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Walsh of Oakland and Mrs. E. N. Rector, widow of the late Judge E. N. Rector of Merced, are his grandparents.

**NEW DAWSON SON**

A few minutes after midnight Friday, December 15, a baby son was born to Mrs. E. A. Dawson, Jr., at Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley. Elbert Alexander the 3rd is so glad to have a brother now to even up things with his two little sisters, Lisa Ann and Cathy Jill.

## Bridge Party Held At Orinda Country Club

Feminine members of Orinda Country Club bridge section and their guests met at the club yesterday for luncheon and an afternoon of bridge.

Drive very carefully — the life you save may be your own.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A LAND USE PERMIT BY THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 382**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contra Costa County Planning Commission will give consideration to the application of Jack Buckley for a use permit.

Said application is to modify provisions of Section 4 Subdivision F Subsection 5 of the provisions of Ordinance 382 as hereafter set forth, namely: to have 10 ft. side yard on garage side.

Property is located on the following maps which appear as Subsections 26 of Section 3 of Ordinance 382.

Brief description of property: Lot No. 2 Sally Ann Meadows on Sally Ann Road.

The time and place of said hearing will be in Room 210 Hall of Records, Martinez, California, 1-2-51, 7:30 P.M.

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## Meet Bob Clough, Honorary Editor!

**Give credit where credit is due, we always say.**

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**The headline read: "Slide Closes Highway; Berkeley, Oakland Isolated." We've had lots of appreciative comment from readers about that line. And we, too, think it's pretty clever.**

**The headline was suggested by Bob Clough, chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Orinda Association.**

**Therefore, for journalistic service over and above the line of his usual duties, the SUN hereby lavishes its thanks and laudation on Bob Clough, and, vying with the Pulitzer Prize committee in its sense of civic pride, makes Bob Clough an honorary editor of the SUN.**

## Dick Laney Wins Boxing Title at California Poly

Dick Laney, son of R. H. Laney of Rio Vista Avenue, Orinda, a freshman in the field crops department at California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo, recently won the 155-pound boxing title in the second annual novice boxing tournament held at the college.

The tourney was held for three nights. Winners of the novice tournament, along with members of last year's boxing team, will compose the 1950-51 California Poly boxing squad.

The Mustang mittmen will open the season January 11 against Chico State College in Chico. On March 9-10, Cal Poly boxers will enter the Intermountain Intercollegaite Boxing Tournament to be held in Pocatello, Idaho.

## 12-15 Club Holds Festive Party

The 12-15 Club held its annual Christmas party December 12, and from the moment they entered Marian Doten's lovely home until they left the spirit of Christmas prevailed. Luncheon was served at 12:15 promptly and was indeed "supreme."

The club had the privilege of entertaining two guests this year, Mrs. Elizabeth Wands, Mrs. Doten's mother, and Mrs. Olive Gerber, mother of Mrs. Challiss Gore. A former member, Mabel Donaldson, came from Berkeley to be with her friends and helped greatly to add to the spirit of good fellowship.

Each members brought a gift for the one whose name had been drawn at the previous meeting. One gift came all the way from West Virginia where Mrs. James Sullivan is visiting.

Mrs. W. E. Joslin sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and just about then good old Santa really did "come to town" and what a lively soul he proved to be! The back of his head had a very familiar row of curls which seemed to remind all of their Milly Hickok. He immediately distributed gifts. Each gift was presented with an original "jingle" written by Mrs. Murray Groves which provoked gales of laughter.

Included in the 12-15 Club's Christmas expenditures to the Veterans, Weimar, the Children's Home Society, the Tuberculosis Bond and layettes for the Booth Memorial Hospital were four ten dollar CARE packages, which closed the philanthropic work for this year.

For the present war crisis the continual question of the club is "What can we do?" May the 12-15 Club carry on as always with the spirit of good fellowship, cooperation and helpfulness.

## 'Orioles' Name Of New Therapy Auxiliary Branch

"Orinda Orioles" was chosen as the name of the afternoon section of the Orinda Auxiliary of Mt. Diablo Therapy Center recently.

Title of the new group was chosen at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ida Zamloch. Forty-six women now make up the membership of that section, according to Mrs. Carrie Brown, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Carl Wellington Smith presided at the business session, which included discussion of proposed projects.

Do you realize how much it costs when you go through the Tunnel to shop?

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

12-5-50

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Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance by transfer of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises as follows:

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# Advancements to Scouts Given at Tr. 207 Program

More than 30 boys received merit badges and advancements at the Court of Honor held by Orinda Boy Scout Troop 207 in the Scout House last week.

Those named as first class scouts were Bill Ellermeyer, Terry Ginsburg, Hugh Oliphant, Bud Dodge, Dick Schuler, Douglas Day, Bill Hughes, Paul Kops and Peter St. Hill.

**SECOND CLASS**

The boys receiving second class rank were Dennis Meyer, David Oakley, Bill Rupley, Bruce Smith, Larry Collins, Jack Gray, Bill Ready, Roger Stocker, Philip Dempster, Don Morrow and Ed Maloney.

Receiving tenderfoot ranking were Duval Geissler, Wade Wallace, Gordon Thurston, Wally Marsh, Peter Meigs, Frank Soule, Bill Demeter and John Lamberth.

**MERIT BADGES**

Merit badges for various scouting skills were presented to Dick Doty, life saving, cooking, camping; Bill Spengler, art; Tom Veitch, pioneering, first aid, pathfinding, public health, personal health; Tom Hannan, painting, public health, music, personal health, first aid and art; Phil Hunter, personal health, public health, safety, first aid, art and firemanship; Dick Schuler, music.

Allen Sutton, art, personal health, public health, first aid, plumbing and music; Peter Andisen, painting and basketry; Bill Spengler, firemanship, personal health, publis health, first aid and safety.

**STAR AWARDS**

Star awards were presented to Tom Hannan, Phil Hunter, Bill Spengler and Tom Veitch.

The troop had a Christmas meeting Tuesday night at which they exchanged gifts.

Stan Hunn is scoutmaster of the troop, Jerry Cullen and Dick Bottjer acting in the capacity of assistant scoutmasters.

**IN HOSPITAL**

Friends of Mrs. Ethel Lord Brady are grieved to learn that she is still in serious condition at the Peralta Hospital after her stroke three weeks ago.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

Orinda Episcopal Church, Christmas party for parents and children, Scout Hut, Park Pool, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

Services at Orinda Community, Orinda Episcopal, Santa Maria and Christian, Science Churches. (Community Church service at Orinda Theater.)

Candlelight service, Orinda Community Church, 11 p.m.

Choral communion services, Orinda Episcopal Church, Scout Hut, 11 p.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Christmas Day.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Diablo Highway Improvement Federation, Lafayette Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Evening Group, Orinda Branch of Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center, home of Mrs. C. E. Cook, 225 El Toyonal, 8 p.m.

Rotary Club, Orinda Willows, 12:15 p.m.

Lions Club, Orinda Willows, 7:30 p.m.

A. C. Flenner of 52 Acacia Drive returned Sunday from a two weeks business trip combined with the pleasure of visiting his father and brother in Decatur, Illinois, and Mrs. Flenner's brothers and sisters in Chicago.

Drive very carefully — the life you save may be your own you drive home today.

**WILSON DIRECTOR**

County Superintendent of Schools B. O. Wilson has been named 1951 state director in California for the Department of Rural Education, National Education Association. The appointment was made by the department's national president, John S. Carroll, with offices in Washington, D.C.

# Charles Nelson Named Director

The first director of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers from west of the Rockies will be Dr. Charles R. Nelson of Orinda, head of the Process Engineering Department of Shell Development Company, Emeryville, California.

Dr. Nelson's election for a three year term, starting in 1951, was announced by the council of the institute at its 43rd annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The institute, a professional organization for chemical engineers, was founded in 1908, and now has a membership of over 10,000 members.

Dr. Nelson was born and educated in Pennsylvania. He received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh. His advanced work, including a doctorate in chemical engineering received in 1935, was done at the University of Michigan. During the last two years, Dr. Nelson has made studies in his field of major interest, chemical plant design, in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and South America.

# Surprise Luncheon For Pat Zamloch

Patricia Zamloch was given a surprise party at the Women's Athletic Club in Oakland recently.

Eleven of her friends were seated at the luncheon table singing happy birthday when she entered. After a gay lunch they played canasta.

Her guests wre Phyllis Pyle, Joan Gordon, Gerri Nardini, Peggy Reverest, Sharon Brown, Sally Fleager, Eleanor Neldam, Marjory Taylor, Paula Corey and Robin Hooper.

Margaret Zamloch, Pat's older sister, planned the surprise, and she and Ann Sommers enjoyed Pat's astonishment while they lunched at a table nearby.

The executive secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 333 Fell Street, P. O. Box 3638, San Francisco 2, has announced an examination for the position of glass-blower.

# I'm Frank...

when I tell you that Sunday night, as Pete and Wilma and I sit in front of the fire, I'm going to read this once again . . . The Christmas Story. Won't you join me?

**And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Ceasar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.**

And Josepn also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

**AND SO IT WAS**, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shont round about them, and they were sore afraid.

**And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

**AND SUDDENLY** there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.**

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

**AND THEN IN OUR HEARTS** will be great jof and in our eyes will be gladness. A warm gaiety will find its place in our laughter for the hour has come for the trimming of the tree and, for the three Olstns it is an hour of ceaseless wonder.

**Once again the presence of the tree casts its age-old splendor over all the world. And that finished, an old remembered melody returns . . . Silent Night.**

Softly, as if on muted strings we hear it first, across far reaches of childhood days. Then every note rings sure and clear as memories of home and family flood the heart.

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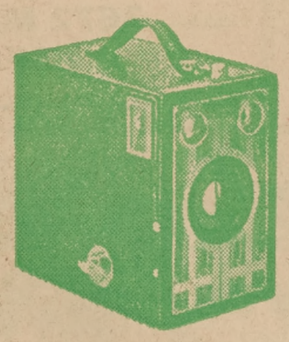
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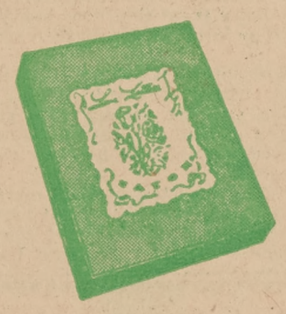
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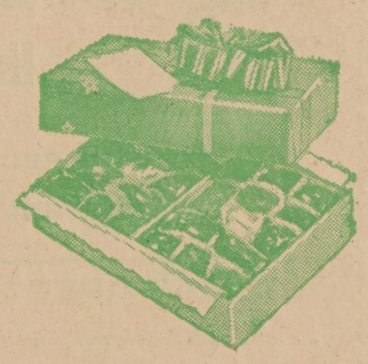
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# Legends of Christmas Season Plants Are Rich With Beauty, Deep Meaning

By BERT WRIGHT

**THE PLANTS** and flowers that are now one of the wonderful parts of the Christmas season are surrounded with legends.

These legends give them interesting, full and deep meaning.

**CHRISTMAS ROSE** — The story behind the Christmas rose (Helleborus) is of ancient origin. Supposedly a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child. An angel appered there in the early dawn with a shining light about her, and asked why she was crying.

The little girl explained that she was poor and had no offering to give the Babe of Bethlehem. Hearing this, the angel with shining wings brushed the ground and it became carpeted with glistening white Christmas roses.

The young girl quickly gathered great bunches of the beautiful flowers and hurried to the Christ Child. He smiled and touched his fingers to the white flowers and the petals became tinged with pink.

**POINSETTIA** — A little Mexican waif on Christmas Eve had no gift to take to the Cathedral, so not wishing to enter empty-handed, she picked a weed along the roadside and climbed the steep path to the church.

She knelt and laid her gift on the altar, and as she rose to go, she saw that the poor little weed was suddenly a beautiful Poinsettia or the Flor de la Noche-buena (Flower of the Nativity), as it is called in Mexico.

**MISTLETOE** — The story of Mistletoe, the plant that today is associated with the gay side of the Christmas season, was originally symbolic of serious and sacred matters.

The white berries are said to be the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men made their gifts to the Christ Child. They symbolize purity and peace.

According to Norse legend, the plant is sacred and must not touch the earth, hence our custom of hanging it high at Christmas.

The monks of the monasteries termed it "The Wood of the Cross" and attributed to it supernatural powers. The Druids of ancient Britain made the gathering of mistletoe a sacred ceremony.

In Scandinavia the plant was so revered and cherished that it was thought that if enemies met beneath it in a forest, they disarmed and kept a truce until the next day.

**HOLLY** — The legends regarding the holly also date back to the Druids, who believed the evergreen leaves of the holly were proof that the sun never deserted it and it was therefore sacred.

Legend also says that the Crown of Thorns was composed of holly, and that before the crucifixion the berries were white, but turned crimson, like drops of blood.

# Canyon Requests Protection for Ridge Firetrail

Referred to County Surveyor Joseph Barkley this week for investigation was a request from the Canyon Women's Club to ban use of the firetrail at the top of the Canyon ridge by motorcycles and to halt depletion of trees and plants along the trail.

The request, signed by Mrs. John P. Shally, president of the Canyon Women's Club, was addressed to the Board of Supervisors, which read it at its meeting in Martinez Monday and which referred the matter to Barkley.

**LIKE PARK**

Mrs. Shally wrote that the firetrail area, besides being essential for fire-fighting purposes, is "the nearest thing to a park" which Canyon residents have.

She stated that use of the firetrail as a race course by motorcycle clubs is dangerous for children playing in the area and creates disruptive noises on otherwise peaceful weekends.

**TREES AND PLANTS**

Depletion of trees and plants by visitors was also mentioned in the letter as objectionable activity against which suitable steps should be taken.

Because of the need to keep the trail open for fire-fighting purposes, she urged the county not to close the trail. Instead, she asked that signs be placed along the firetrail banning use of the trail by motorcycles and prohibiting picking from trees and plants.

# Diablo Folk Dance Council Meets

Permanent officers for the coming year were elected by Diablo Council of Folk Dance and Square Dance Clubs at a meeting at Walnut Creek Grammar School last week.

Al Laven, president of the Do-Ce-Do Folk Dancers was named council chairman; Walter Rugh, president of Circle Four Folk Dancers, vice chairman and treasurer, and Virginia Wilder, prominent instructor and folk dancer, secretary.

More than 400 folk dancers were represented by delegates from the 10 folk dance clubs in this area. The council aim is to promote and improve folk and square dancing activities, facilities and services and to promote cooperation among all interested groups in the eastern part of Contra Costa County.

**INCREASED INTEREST**

The council was formed due to the increased interest in folk and square dancing and the resultant date conflicts of dances, parties and festivities in various parts of the country.

The council meeting was a culmination of five preliminary sessions. Clubs represented included: Acalanes, Lafayette; Circle Four, Dansin 'Dues, Suburban Swingers, Do-Ce-Do, Walnut Creek; Stags 'n' Nags, Walnut Whirlers, Danville; Diablo Promenaders, Concord; Reel Weavers, Pittsburg, and Shell Folk Dancers, Martinez.

**PROPOSED LIST**

A proposed list of committees was presented by Don Clark, president of Suburban Swingers. Appointment of committee chairmen will be announced at the next council meeting planned for January 12 in Walnut Creek Grammar School.

The session is open to any group interested in folk or square dancing activities.

# Hull & Sons Buy W.C. Mortuary

Purchase of the Guy and Blackwell Mortuary in Walnut Creek by the Little Chapel of the Flowers (Hull and Sons) was announced this week. Sale took effect last Saturday.

The Walnut Creek location will be operated in conjunction with Hull and Sons' Berkeley establishment, but will not be run as merely a branch. Mark Hull will serve as resident manager.

With the taking over of the Walnut Creek mortuary, Hull and Sons assume the duties of deputy coroner for the Walnut Creek-Lafayette-Orinda--Alamo-Danville-San Ramon area.

## Revenue Increase Tops That of State Outlay

Increase in state revenue for the General Fund is higher than increases in expenditures for the first five months of this fiscal year, Thomos H. Kuchel, state controller, made this announcement when issuing a statement on the cash condition of the State's General Fund at the close of business November 30.

The revenue increase for the period, Kuchel said, totaled $24,905,531, or 11.74 per cent over the corresponding period last year, while expenditures increased $13,600,316, or 6.43 per cent.

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# Christmas Bureau Established by Local Red Cross

Through the cooperation of the Oakland Junior League and the Mt. Diablo Chapter of the Red Cross a Christmas Bureau has been set up at the chapter headquarters in Walnut Creek.

The bureau is a clearing house or district center, to avoid duplication in distribution of gifts to needy families. Service clubs, church organizations and private donors can avail themselves of the bureau's facilities.

Mrs. Harmon K. Howard is originator of the idea, and is in charge. Phone number is W.C. 5340.

## Dr. Lawrence to Speak To Church Men's Club

This evening at 8 p.m., the Men's Club of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be privileged to hear Dr. John Lawrence of the University of California. Dr. Lawrence will speak on his recent travels in South America and Europe and will show motion pictures illustrating his talk.

**PHEASANT HUNTING**

An extended pheasant hunting season for 1951 will be asked of the California Fish and Game Sommission by organized sportsmen's groups when the regulatory body meets in January to set annual hunting and angling seasons and bag limits.

# Berried Shrubs Provide Yule Decorations

One of the thrilling sights to Easterners who come to California during the winter months is the great number of beautiful shrubs with huge masses of brilliant colored berries.

Not only do these shrubs provide a wealth of color in the garden from October right through until spring, but they also provide decorations for the Yuletide season, and these evergreen shrubs with their shiny green foliage provide a fitting setting for the showy berries.

Fortunately, you can plant any of the berried shrubs throughout the entire year, but a visit to the nurseries before the berries drop will enable you to select the color and kind of plant you want.

**FIRETHORN**

The outstanding berrying shrub is undoubtedly the Pyracantha, otherwise known as Firethorn. The color range in the Pyracantha berries runs from fiery red to orange, and the berries are borne in huge clusters that literally cover the plant.

Pyracanthas are very easy to grow and succeed in almost any kind of soil. They are not only fine for specimen plants but also make very good hedges, as they form an almost impassible barrier and can be readily trimmed to any desired shape.

In using Pyracantha, remember that they grow from six to eighth feet tall and should be planted preferably in open sun and where they have ample opportunity to develop. Don't plant them under low windows, otherwise they will obstruct the view and block out the light.

**SPECTACULAR SIGHT**

Pyracanthas lend themselves to growing flat against a building or a wall, where they form a spectacular sight in the fall and winter, reaching their peak around Christmas time.

The better known varieties of Pyracantha are:

Pyracantha Graber, a large, vigorous-growing shrub with big glossy foliage. The big crimson berries are enormous, borne in huge clusters that literally cover the plant.

Pyracantha Rosedale, a variety with equally large heavy red berries, but a plant that does not grow quite as large as the Graber variety.

Pyracantha Coccinea Lelandi, most widely planted variety, a strong growing variety with great masses of brilliant lustrous orange-colored berries that literally cover the plant.

Pyracantha Yunnanenisis, more of a spreading type, with great masses of red berries. Its habit of growth makes it ideal for covering banks and growing on hillsides.

Another very showy shrub, with its graceful branches covered with brilliant red berries, is the Cotoneaster. Cotoneasters are not only decorative outdoors but are especially suitable for cutting for bowl arrangements and other indoor decorations.

The upright growing varieties, especially Panossa and Parnayi, are the more desirable of the taller growing varieties. The dark green foliage is well placed along the graceful arching branches, which in the fall and winter are covered right to the tip with clusters of deep red berries which last throughout the winter.

These varieties will attain a height of around six feet.

A spreading variety, Cotoneaster Horizontalis, will not grow over two feet high and is especially good for planting in front of other tall-growing shrubs.

**HOLLIES**

Most everyone is familiar with the Hollies, another spectacular red-berried shrub widely planted in California.

The English Holly, Ilex Aquifolium, is the spiney-leaved variety with brilliant red berries, and the Burford Holly, or Ilex Cornuta, has an oval-shaped leaf with clusters of brilliant red berries.

Both varieties attain a height of six to eight feet and should be planted in a location where there is ample room for full growth.

**NANDINA**

Another highly satisfactory berried shrub widely used in California is the Nandina, an evergreen shrub growing about five feet high, with dark green foliage at maturity, coppery red in winter, and having clusters of red berries in the winter.

In considering the red berried shrubs, we cannot overlook a true native of California, Photina Arbutulifolia, the native California Holly or Christmas berry.

This plant can be used very successfully in a shrub border and it, too, will produce at Christmas time large masses of beautiful red berries.

## Art Show Group Plans Program

Inspired by the widespread acclaim given the art show at the 1950 Walnut Festival, members of Outdoor Art Shows, Inc. have adopted an ambitious program of year-round organization to be climaxed by an even greater show in 1951.

Nearly 50 enthusiasts at a recent meeting in the Peter Howard home in Walnut Creek pledged themselves to further the plan and accepted assignments as committee chairmen to forward the shows various phases.

The ultimate goal is to enlist a group of 1000 art lovers whose interest may range from simple sponsorship of cultural development to active participation in the arts themselves.

A number of suggestions for broadening the scope of the art show were offered at the meeting, the most significant ones being to include examples of floral and horticultural art and to extend the sections devoted to art in action.

Committees organized at this time are: (1) Painting and sculpture: Guernsey Ford, Virginia Herrick, Virginia Barnett, Claudia Steele, M. Guyer, Alla Knudsen and Leon Dinkin; (2) Photography: Emma Flanders; (3) Weaving: Susan Campbell; (4) Pottery: Antonio Prieto and Bob Clough; (5) Jewelry: Joan Erikson; (6) Crafts: Dale King. (7) Children's Art: Mrs. Peter Howard; (8) High School Art: Marjorie Silva and Vera Richardson; (9) Junior College Exhibit: Frances Young; (10) Modern Furniture: Ben Davis; (11) Garden Displays and Grounds: Melba Confer, Ruth Howard, Gus Brewer and Jack Havens; (12) Commercial exhibits: Ed Larmer; (13) Sales promotion: Arba Ford.


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# Jim Jacobus Gets Eagle Scout Award At Impressive Ceremony in His Honor

Boy Scouting's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, was awarded last week to Jim Jacobus, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jacobus of 275 Orinda Highway.

The award was made in a special Eagle Court ceremony for Jim at Orinda Community Church December 11. Jim is a member of Explorer Post 300.

The program was conducted by Dr. Ralph Hall, post adviser. Gordon Hawkins, scout executive for the district, gave the invocation. Jim's dad pinned the Eagle Scout badge on him, while his mother and sister Joan proudly stood by.

A group of about 75, including relatives and intimate friends, attended the impressive ceremony. A cousin of Jim's, Jay Jacobus of Orinda, accompanied him while he was led around the room just before the award was made.

**FELLOW EXPLORERS**

Fellow Explorers from Post 300 who participated in the ceremony were Bob Wickman, Jim Hall, Gordon Hooper and Tom Morrish.

At the close of the evening, refreshments were served by mothers of Eagle Scouts.

During the evening, congratulatory telegrams arrived from three Eagle Scout cousins of Jim in Minneapolis, Longview, Wash., and Austin, Texas.

Jim's two former scout leaders were on hand. One of them, Emil Wickman, made the presentation of the Eagle Scout badge, which was pinned on by Jim's father. The other, Richard Laney, showed a 15-minute movie of the boys, including Jim, in 1944, when a "Guadalcanal" ceremony was held.

**SPARKLE PRESENT**

Hero of the film was Laney's little dog, Sparkle. Just before presenting the movie, Laney whistled—and Sparkle dashed into the room and jumped onto a chair, where he remained, an attentive member of the audience, throughout the movie.

Wilbur Twining, a scout leader and an instructor at Acalanes High School, took part in the program.

Joe Shockey, district scout chairman, closed the Eagle Court ceremony with a few remarks.

A senior at Acalanes, Jim Jacobus won the county championship in diving last year and placed fourth in the North Coast diving competition.

## Bleuels Entertain At Cocktail Party

Mr. and Mrs. Maury Bleuel extended Yuletide greetings to a number of their friends who were invited to a cocktail party at their Orchard Road home last Saturday from 4 to 7.

**CALLED TO SERVICE**

Mrs. G. Chester Brown has just learned that her son, Laurie C. Smith, has been called into the service. He will be assistant inspector of Navy machinery at the Beloit, Wisconsin, plant of Fairbanks-Morse Co.

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**PANDORA PLEASURE, in the form of a baby shower given recently by Pandora Chapter of the Children's Home Society at the home of Mrs. Ida Zamloch, meant business of great importance for the benefit of babies placed in foster homes until adoption. Baby blankets, "didies," sweaters and caps were among the prices of admission to the affair. Above, left to right, Mrs. Roy Price, Mrs. Hazel Frolich, Mrs. Frederick Repp and Mrs. Garland Heinrici discuss Pandora Chapter plans. Below, left to right, Mrs. James Anderson and Mrs. Edward Russ examine some of the articles.**

# Mary Frances Hafner Takes Vows At Beautiful Church Wedding

By CARRIE L. BROWN

In a beautiful service Saturday at four o'clock, in the chapel of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Mary Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Hafner of Orinda, and Philip Harvey Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Emery, gave their marriage vows, Dr. Paul Reager officiating.

In keeping with the Yule season, a tall Christmas tree, hung with glistening red balls, stood on each side of the chancel. By the altar were large candelabra with white tapers, and on the altar an exquisite flower arrangement of white chrysanthemums, calla lilies and white stock. On the pews were sprays of fir boughs tied with bows of red satin ribbon.

**THE BRIDE'S GOWN**

The lovely bride wore a gown with an imported French lace bodice, long pointed sleeves and boat neckline. The full skirt was of egg shell white satin ending in a long train. Her finger length veil was of white illusion and hung from a Juliette cap of satin and lace. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, bouvardia and white orchids.

The matron of honor, Mrs. William Still, the former Peggy Lou Lacey of Stockton, and the three bridesmaids, Carolyn Huber Joan Woolsey and Joan Crawford, all Phi Phi sisters of the bride, wore white nylon net gowns with white satin boleros and full ballerina skirts. The slippers of the matron of honor were red to match the red ribbon on her bouquet of white poinsettias. The bridesmaids carried red poinsettias tied with green ribbon which their slippers matched. With the poinsettias were fir sprays tipped with tiny silver Christmas balls.

**BROTHER OF GROOM**

The best man was the brother of the groom, Charles B. Emery. The ushers were Richard P. Hafner, Jr., William Agnew, Jr., and Peter Ostrander.

The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception in the Berkeley Women's Club, and here too, the Christmas decor was used. Mrs. Hafner, mother of the bride, wore cafe au lait taffeta with brown accessories and a corsage of green orchids. The groom's mother, Mrs. Charles B. Emery, wore a gown of changeable bronze taffeta with black accessories and a corsage of green orchids.

The happy pair are spending their honeymoon in Palm Springs. On their return they will live in the apartment awaiting them on Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley.

## Two School Bands Perform at Party

The bands of Glorietta and Orinda Schools combined their talent under the direction of Oscar Busch to present their premier appearance as a unit at Orinda Grammar School auditorium the last day of school.

Twenty-one instrumentalists of the Glorietta plant joined the 30-piece band of the Orinda School in the presentation of Christmas music which was an important part of the Yuletide program at the school.

When an automobile has a tendency to "jump out of gear," the trouble can often be traced to faulty, worn or misaligned parts in the transmission mechanism.

# Whom Do YOU Favor for 'Man of Year'?

William Penn Mott, Jr., was nominated this week for Orinda's "Man of the Year."

Mr. and Mrs. G. Chester Brown offered Mott's name. They wrote:

"Our choice for Man of the Year is Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr., of Orinda because of his active support of all projects for Orinda's betterment in church and civic affairs, and because of the distinction he has brought to Orinda for his creation and carrying out of Children's Fairyland, which the whole country is hearing about."

Nominations should be sent to Mrs. Helen Vurek, 24 Vallecito Lane, Orinda, who is chairman of the "Man of the Year" committee, or to the SUN office. Others on the committee are Mrs. Roberta Spiegl and Rev. Fred Morrow.

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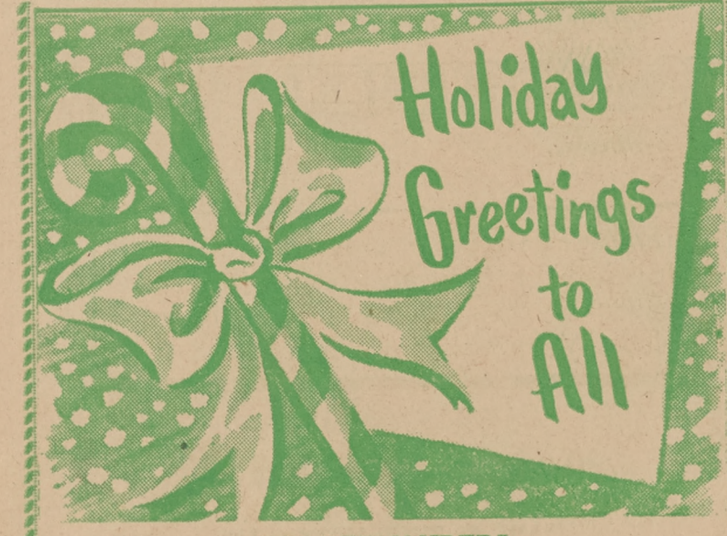

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